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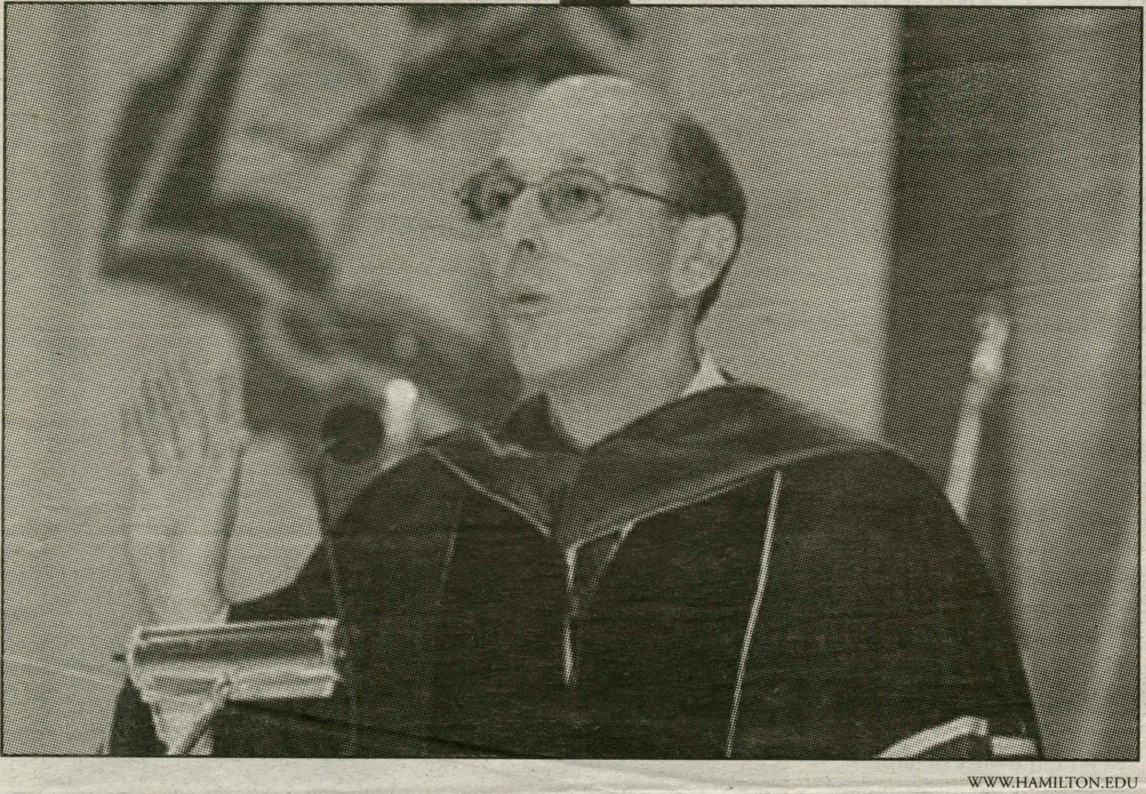

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Dean Paris graduated from Hamilton in 1971 and has worked for the College since 1979. He will end his term as Dean of the Faculty at the end of the academic year.

Paris to end term as dean in spring

by Ian Mandel '06
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Dean of the Faculty and Vice President for Academic Affairs David Paris '71 will finish his tenure as the College's top academic officer and head of the faculty with the 2005-2006 academic year, Paris announced to faculty and staff in a June memorandum.

"After several conversations with colleagues and family, I have decided to finish my term," Paris wrote. "It has been an honor and a privilege to serve in this role, and I have enjoyed it, even in the difficult times."

"Deans have a term of five years, and I've been in administration for nine at the end of it [the 2005-2006 academic year], so it's time to look into other things, whether that's going back to the faculty or the administration in other places. It's a good time for a change," Paris explained in an interview with *The Spectator*.

When asked whether he was asked to step down, he declined to comment. When asked the same question, College President Joan Hinde Stewart reiterated points from Paris's memorandum.

"As he said in that letter, he came to this decision after conversations with colleagues and family," she stated. "That is a decision I respect."

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PHOTO BY BOBBY COLE '06

Dean Thompson, students, and faculty attended a Town Hall style meeting on Wednesday to discuss the new Point System.

Point System in effect

by Martin Connor '09
NEWS WRITER

Returning to Hamilton College this year, students were confronted with more than just new classes and new faces. This year marks the introduction of the College's new disciplinary and judicial guidelines program, called the Point System.

The idea for the new system was first introduced during the Adler Conference in the spring of 2004 and was a result of student requests that the judicial system at Hamilton be made more transparent to the student body.

"The important thing to be said about the points system is it is an effort to respond to student demands for clarification, and that's what the point system does; it makes it clearer," said President Joan Hinde Stewart.

A subcommittee was formed by the Alcohol Coalition and, headed by Associate Professor of Chemistry Karen Brewer. The subcommittee worked over the course of a semester to create a system that would lay out clear and specific guidelines for Hamilton Judicial actions. "Students didn't understand what the consequences were for major and minor violations, and we thought it would be a really good idea to make it more obvious," said Brewer.

The Point System was also designed to mirror as closely as possible the former unwritten judicial policy that had been followed in the past. "The Point system is based on what was already being done," said Brewer. "The subcommittee worked very hard to make sure that there was no change in the disciplinary actions taken."

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College rises in new rankings

Hamilton tied for 15th in *U.S. News* ranking of colleges

PHOTO BY BOBBY COLE '06

Hamilton's recent jump in the college rankings could draw more prospective students to the Hill this fall for tours, information sessions, and open houses.

by Katie Childs '08
NEWS EDITOR

> "We're finally getting the recognition we deserve. It's just getting the perception [of Hamilton] to catch up with the reality."
> — *Monica Izner, Director of Admissions and Financial Aid*

Monica Inzer spent a lot of time this summer telling the Admissions staff that rankings aren't everything. "We know Hamilton is a great place regardless of how we're ranked," said Inzer, the Director of Admissions and Financial Aid. "We don't hinge our reputation on rankings." Yet the Admissions office can't ignore a recent boost, which is bringing Hamilton recognition and creating a stir on the Hill.

Hamilton College moved up four spots in the *U.S. News and World Report* ranking of liberal arts schools. The newest college issue places Hamilton tied for fifteenth with Colgate University and Grinnell University. This is the highest ranking that the College has ever achieved.

"I was delighted that the ranking recognizes the extraordinary quality of the students and faculty at Hamilton," said President Joan Hinde Stewart. "I'm skeptical of rankings, but the recognition is none the less nice."

Stewart believes the new ranking will draw attention to Hamilton: "It flags us as a very fine college, which we are."

The biggest gain for Hamilton was in the category of financial resources, followed by faculty resources. Selectivity, alumni giving, and the graduation rate stayed consistent with the 2004 ranking. Twenty percent of the ranking is based on the Class of 2008, including class rank and average SAT scores.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Compiled by
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Major Developments in Katrina's Aftermath (AP)

September 2, 2005, 12:37 AM EDT

* Looting, carjacking and other violence spread in the Gulf Coast region, with even rescuers being attacked. The military expects to increase National Guard deployment to 30,000 from around the country to help with security, rescue and relief.

* Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco declared war on looters as 300 National Guard troops landed in New Orleans fresh from duty in Iraq. "These troops know how to shoot and kill, and they are more than willing to do so, and I expect they will," she said.

* The official death toll in Mississippi is 126 and rising. The New Orleans mayor estimated the death toll in his city to be in the hundreds if not thousands. He pleaded for buses and supplies for survivors, saying, "This is a desperate SOS."

* Half a day after the military began evacuating the Superdome, the arena held 10,000 more people than it did at dawn. Evacuees thinking it's the best place to get a ride out of town poured into the Superdome and swelled the crowd to about 30,000.

* Frustration grew among the thousands still awaiting help at the New Orleans Convention Center, where bodies lie among the living. Earlier, helicopter transfers of the sick and injured at the Superdome were suspended amid security concerns.

* The state of Texas agreed to triple to 75,000 the number of evacuees being taken in from Louisiana. Houston's Astrodome stopped taking refugees Thursday night after accepting 11,000 and sent buses to other shelters in the area; others were relocating to San Antonio or Dallas.

* President Bush plans to tour the region Friday. He warned against looting and price-gouging and asked his father, former President Bush, and former President Clinton to lead a fund-raising campaign for victims.

* Congress rushed to provide a $10.5 billion down payment in relief aid. The Senate approved the measure Thursday night, and the House will convene at noon on Friday to speed the measure to Bush's desk.

* Gasoline supplies tightened in markets that depend on Gulf Coast refiners. As gas prices rose above $3 a gallon, some retailers were overrun by motorists wanting to beat further increases.

WORLD NEWS

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(CBS/AP) Thousands of people flocked to the funerals Thursday of the nearly 1,000 Shiite pilgrims killed in a stampede during a religious procession, as critics blasted the government for failing to prevent the tragedy.

Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jafaari, who visited a hospital where many of the victims were taken, said neighboring countries such as Jordan and Iran had offered to help treat the victims.

"We are ready to send abroad any patient who needs medical treatment there," he said.

Wednesday's disaster on a bridge in north Baghdad appeared to have been sparked by a rumor that a suicide bomber was among the more than one million people gathering at a Shiite shrine in the capital.

Most of the victims on Imams bridge were trampled or crushed in the midday stampede. Others plunged 30 feet into the muddy Tigris river. The majority of those killed were women and children, officials said.

Iraq's Ministry of Interior announced Thursday that 953 people had died and 815 were injured in the crush. But Health Ministry spokesman Qassim Yahya on Thursday said 843 had been killed and 439 injured. It was not possible to reconcile the two.

Vandalism becomes major target of new Point System

Students caught destroying campus property will be automatically suspended with new no-tolerance policy

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PHOTO BY BOBBY COLE '06

Students questioned the definition of the public and private spaces; the stricter open container policy; and the future of Class and Charter Day events with the new Point System.

Administrators felt it was important to emphasize that the new system is not meant to harshen the disciplinary actions of the school, pointing out that a policy whereby three points are deducted a year from a student's last offense has been integrated into the system.

"We wanted to make sure that you could make a mistake and still have it cleared from your record. You can make a minor violation, and no one's the wiser except for you. We wanted to give students a cushion," said Brewer.

In fact, the only disciplinary policy change has been regarding vandalism, another one of the topics addressed at the 2004 Adler Conference. Vandalism has become a major issue at Hamilton, and the failure of efforts over the last year to quell the surge of destruction have inspired the new system to include harsher enforcement of vandalism offenses.

"I think the enforcement will be the same as its always been, the only thing that's changing is the vandalism enforcement," said Patricia Ingalls, Director of Campus Safety.

Under the Point System, students found responsible for vandalism will be suspended from the College automatically unless they turn themselves in, in which case they will be given six points (probation) and be required to pay twice the cost of the damage up to $1000.

> "The same rules are still in place, but giving students points will give them an idea of where they fall at any given time."
>
> *— Alex Hodosy '09*

There have been mixed feelings across campus since the introduction of the new system. Many students are happy to see its implementation.

"It's much more fair now that you get a certain amount of points regarding what you do wrong, because that way one little incident won't scar your career, and students' records will be a representation of the severity of their offenses, not simply a count of how many times they have gotten in trouble," said Emily Maltby '06.

Alex Hodosy '09 agrees, stating that "it doesn't seem like a bad idea; it doesn't seem totally strict. The same rules are still in place, but giving students points will give them an idea of where they fall at any given time."

Other students are highly skeptical of the Point System. "Overall it's not going to do much good," said one sophomore. "I know now if anyone gets written up it's going to waste their time. That might stop them from drinking, but it's doubtful."

A Town Hall Meeting was held on Wednesday to address the Point System and to answer any concerns students have. Much emphasis was put on the fact that the new system is not a change in disciplinary and judicial policies, but simply a structured clarification of the old policies, a misconception that has caused much of the cold attitude of the student body.

"It is important that everyone understand up front what the expectations are. The policies are all the same, and the enforcement of those policies are going to be handled in the same way they always have been; this just clarifies the sanctions," said Ingalls.

Thompson spoke in detail about the Point System, answering questions at length, with input from other administrators, including Assistant Director of Campus Safety Wayne Gentile and Director of Residential Life Jeff Landry.

"We are interested in Hamilton being a really enjoyable place to live and to study and to be," said Thompson, "We are not out to catch people." Gentile added that, "We are going to be doing the enforcement like we've always done it. When you're written up, it's documented, and now there's going to be points assigned to it. We are not interested in changing the way people live here."

President Stewart voiced the same sentiment. "We're hoping [the Point System] will help encourage the kind of culture that we want on campus- a culture of respect for students' actions, including drinking behavior," President Stewart told *The Spectator.*

Dean Thompson also stated that the open container policy would be enforced rather strictly to prevent a chaotic atmosphere on campus. She also described the process of the awarding of points, stating that after being written up students will receive notification from the Campus Safety office, which will include a stated time frame for meeting with Campus Safety administrators to appeal the awarding of points.

Administrators at the meeting also made it quite clear that no disciplinary action will be taken against students in the event of a medical emergency, and that disciplinary consequences should not be a factor in deciding whether or to call for an EMT, stating that the health of students is the most important thing.

The new system will be effective immediately.

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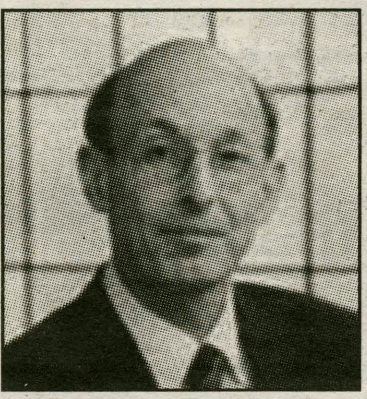
Paris's future at Hamilton unclear



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Dean Paris has worked at Hamilton for 26 years.

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Paris asserted that the process for finding his replacement will begin immediately.

"The search process is starting right away, and there will be an election at the faculty meeting [on September 6] to form a search committee. And the search committee will be filled out by appointment of other people that may include non-faculty," he stated.

According to Paris, the College will consider both internal and external candidates. He said he expected staff and administrative representation on the search committee, but that he would not take part.

When asked if he would be returning to the faculty or staying at the College in some other capacity, Paris was non-committal. "I don't really know. I'm thinking about a lot of things," he said. "I've got a leave coming up next year, so I've got time to think about things."

When asked if she would like to have Paris back at Hamilton in some other capacity, Stewart replied, "Certainly." When asked if she knew of his plans for the future, she elaborated. "David is an outstanding teacher. He has taught throughout his tenure as dean, and I assume he will continue teaching in some capacity," she said.

Paris enjoyed his time in the College administration and his ability to continue teaching during his three years as associate dean of the faculty, one year as acting dean and five subsequent years in his current position. "I like it. It's not the easiest job in the world, but it is rewarding when you see the College move along in a lot of things," he said.

Stewart was quick to praise Paris, who has taught at Hamilton since 1979. "He has served with exceptional dedication and fair-mindedness," she said. "His accomplishments include the strategic plan that the College is following, and they include the curricular reform that was put into effect a few years ago."

She also pointed out Paris's accomplishments in the areas of diversity, facility planning and faculty recruitment. "He's overseen a recruitment process that has brought in extraordinary teacher-scholars," Stewart said. "We owe him a very large debt of gratitude for all of that."

According to Paris, the search for the new dean of the faculty will likely differ from the recent presidential search that brought Stewart to Hamilton in 2003. "It will be different in the sense that in searching for a dean, it's what is called an open search in that the candidates need to make a public presentation, and their names are published," he said.

Presidential searches are typically closed, with the names of candidates not revealed, while dean searches are usually open.

In the wake of controversy, Kirkland Project changes

by Jenny Brown '07
NEWS WRITER

When The Kirkland Project attempted to sponsor the visits of controversial speakers Susan Rosenberg and Ward Churchill last year, problems arose. In the aftermath, "The Project has made some changes," said Associate Dean of Faculty Kirk Pillow. In June, President Joan Hinde Stewart sent a report outlining these changes, which include revising the budget, the Project's Governance and the name of the Project, which was known as The Kirkland Project for the Study of Gender, Society and Culture.

The Project started nine years ago. It is an on-campus organization that seeks to promote awareness of human diversity through lectures, curricular initiatives, student research, community work and faculty development seminars. However, as a result of what Stewart called "the difficult situations we encountered last year," she asked an ad hoc committee of senior faculty members to review The Project's mission, governance, budget and programming.

In terms of the Project's governance and campus faculty appointments in general, the Dean of Faculty will review all teaching appointments, an approach that "was not applied universally" until now, Stewart said. The Dean of Faculty will also appoint the Executive Committee and the Director, who will govern The Project. The Project's revisal committee also suggested specific qualifications for members of the Executive Committee and their nominating process and terms.

A change of leadership also occurred. Former head of The Project, Nancy Rabinowitz, Professor of Comparative Literature, is on a one-year sabbatical. Professor of Biology Jinnie Garrett assumed the post for the next four-year term. "The Dean's Office had thought for sometime that the head of The Kirkland Project should rotate like many of the other offices on campus," said Pillow.

The Executive Committee will also substantially reduce The Project's operating budget. Funds will become more centralized in an attempt to broaden distribution and better coordinate events. "A new College Speaker Fund and a new Diversity Initiatives account will be accessible to all departments and programs at the

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Memorial planned for Ghimire '07

by Katie Childs '08
NEWS EDITOR

Keshab Ghimire was a rising junior with a world of possibilities ahead of him. As a freshman, he had traveled more than 7,000 miles from his homeland of Nepal to attend Hamilton College in 2003. Unlike many first-year students, he was unaccompanied by parents to help him unpack and far away from everything he had ever known.

Ghimire succeeded academically since his arrival on the Hill. He studied computer science and received the Sam Welsch Memorial Prize Scholarship in 2004 at Class and Charter Day. Ghimire was spending the summer at Hamilton to work on a research project in the field of computer science. In addition, Ghimire became actively involved in community service, and he spent spring break volunteering in Utica as part of an urban service trip.

Ghimire was reserved and quiet. "It was hard to really know if you were getting to know him," said Dean of Students Nancy Thompson. "I think of him as being a very gentle, sweet, kind-hearted soul."

Campus Safety found Ghimire dead in his Babbitt dorm room on June 24. There was no foul play.

"After something like that happens, you think back and try to wonder what it was like for him," said Jeff McArn, the College Chaplain. "It's mostly just so sad that things happened the way they did."

Ghimire's death has prompted the chaplaincy to consider expanding their student life options during the summer, according to McArn. "We haven't built it in to cover student life over the summer, and I think Keshab's death kind of brought that together," said McArn.

McArn, Thompson, and friends of Ghirmire are planning a memorial service for him; it will take place next week, although no date has been set.

"He had this wonderful smile that he would bestow on you like a gift," said Thompson. "I will remember that wonderful smile."

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"I was delighted that the ranking recognizes the extraordinary quality of the students and faculty at Hamilton. I'm skeptical of rankings, but the recognition is none the less nice."
— President Joan Hinde Stewart

The Admissions Office has worked with other departments on campus to strengthen Hamilton's reputation from the inside out. This includes improving retention and alumni giving on the Hill, while focusing on the academic status of the College around the country.

The Admissions Office will continue to focus on academic reputation, a weakness for the College when compared with some of the other top twenty liberal arts colleges. The academic reputation score represents twenty-five percent of a school's ranking. College presidents, deans of admissions, and deans of faculty from across the country complete a survey about other colleges to determine the academic reputation of the each institution.

Hamilton rose in the category of academic reputation despite recent scandals involving Susan Rosenberg and Ward Churchill.

"I think that actually it indicates that some of the controversy last year benefited us," said David Paris, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty. "Our academic reputation rating among fellow presidents and deans went up, and that's a significant factor in how we are ranked in *U.S. News*, and I don't know proof-positive, but I'd say it had a lot to do with the stand we took on free speech and academic freedom."

Rankings can't make or break a college's reputation, but they are important to prospective students.

"I hope they see Hamilton as a place with a lot of great momentum," said Inzer, who cites an increase in student happiness, the compelling research of the faculty, and the growing geographical and ethnic diversity of the student body. "It makes it feel like Hamilton is a great place to be right now."

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The Admissions Office will be busy during the fall, as prospective students for the Class of 2010 continue to tour and interview at Hamilton.

PHOTO BY CAROLYN BELL '06

Orientation Leaders welcomed more than 500 new students to Hamilton and helped them move into their dorms on August 23 to kick off NSO 2005.

Hamilton welcomes large incoming class to the Hill

by Kara Labs '09
NEWS WRITER

Hamilton welcomed many new faces to the Hill this fall—502 new faces to be exact. Upperclassmen serving as Adirondack Adventure, USE, and Orientation Leaders were ready to greet them and treat the Class of 2009 and transfer students to a week of travel, fun, and plenty of those awkward icebreaker games.

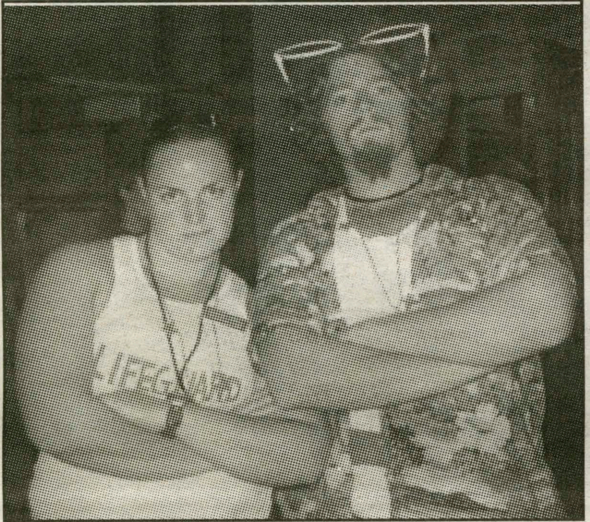
Camping in the woods for a week with no shower may not seem, to most, the typical start to a school year, but that is what about 225 students in the freshmen class experienced. They arrived on campus on August 15, more than a week before freshmen orientation began on August 23. Students tramped through the woods, rode in a canoes, and went white water rafting during those hot August days. "The experience that I had was great and I would definitely do it again," said Tyler Chamberlin '09. Out of the 502 incoming freshmen about half participated in Adirondack Adventure or Urban Service Experience (USE). The USE students undertook a project in Utica painting an elderly woman's house.

PHOTO BY CAROLYN BELL '06

Events during NSO included a hypnotist, a dance party, and an Open Mic Night.

First year students arrived on campus on August 23, their cars overflowing with you-name-it-we've-got-it. Students and their families had the opportunity to unpack and meet with President Stewart. In the afternoon, new students went to Wellin Hall, where they were welcomed by Orientation Leaders and the Director of Student Activities, Lisa Magnarelli. That evening first years and transfer students met in the Field House to take part in Playfair. Some of the events that took place later on that week included a sexual assault workshop starring students; a presentation by Dr. Maura Cullen on diversity; and a presentation on drinking by Brett Sokolow. On Friday, August 26, first year students stopped by Kirkland Cottage to sign the historic register and officially become part of the Hamilton College community. On Saturday, students were hypnotized by Dr. Al Snyder, and the night concluded with a Total Request Dance Party in the Fillius Events Barn. The week came to a close with Convocation and the official opening of the 194th year of Hamilton College.

Many people do not know how much time and effort went into planning all of this. The three student coordinators, Shauna Hirshfield '06, Brendan Lawrence '07, and Michael Blasie '07, came to campus on Sunday, August 14, to prepare for new student orientation. The theme this year was *Top Gun*. The 44 student orientation leaders did not arrive on campus until August 17 to begin training for this event.



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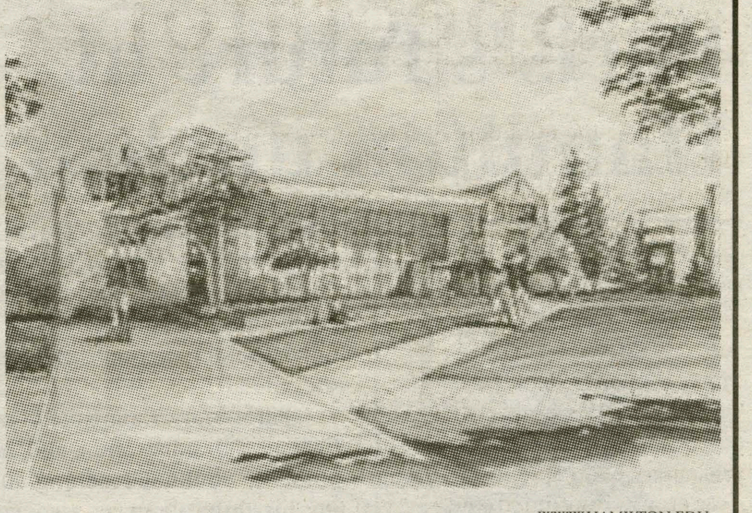
Orientation leaders Courtney McBride '06 and Dillon Prime '07 helped organized Big Prize Bingo during NSO.



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The Science Center project has been in the works since 1996. The dedication of the $56 million building will take place on September 30, during Fallcoming.

Science Center will be inspected on September 12

Delays caused by atrium building supplies hold up project completion

by Susan Stanton '09
NEWS WRITER

The opening of the new Science Center which was scheduled for the first day of classes was delayed. This was due to the fact that the stone flooring for the atrium was not delivered on time. Before the Science Center can open, the flooring must be installed in the atrium and the building must pass an inspection to obtain a certificate for occupancy.

Professor Doug Weldon, coordinator of science curriculum and facilities, said that the building will be inspected on September 6 and "assuming everything goes well, will open on September 7." Unfortunately, it is now known that the project will be delayed an additional week because some of the materials needed for the atrium will not arrive in time for the inspection. The new inspection date is September 12.

This $56 million dollar center, the largest project in Hamilton College history, has run into many road blocks. Weldon described how the setting up of classrooms takes many efforts from many different groups. In order to prepare the classrooms, the help of ITS is required, and the podiums that have been ordered are coming in late. The sooner all of these different aspects come together, the sooner the classrooms will open.

Weldon stated that the classrooms are being set up "on a case by case basis according to which are the most critical to have up." A priority list is being made to establish which rooms will open first. On September 12th a group of Clinton movers will be coming in to begin moving in the equipment. At that time, "almost all subjects will get space in the new building," Weldon said.

One of the highlights of the new building is the three story glass atrium that will be the primary entrance and will have many different seating opportunities. The building will also feature 56 offices for faculty and staff, 48 teaching laboratories, 53 research laboratories, 67 support rooms, 11 classrooms, and a variety of study areas.

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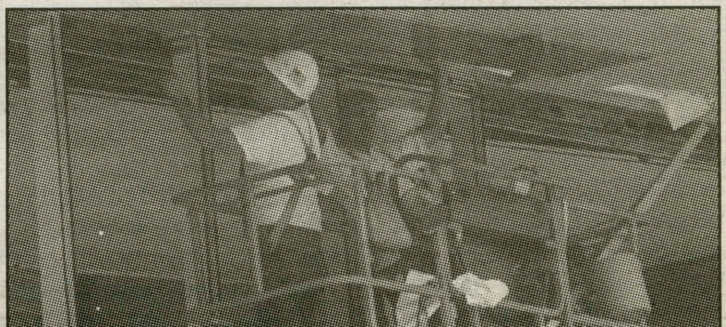

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Completion of the atrium is delaying the project.

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Perhaps the members of the Campus Coalition on Alcohol and Other Drugs uncorked a bottle of fine champagne as the final letters describing the point system were mailed home to students and distributed before the start of a new school year. Keep in mind that no one served alcohol to minors, as that action would have resulted in a costly two to three points. Like golf, those with the lowest numbers win the unrewarded game of "college life."

The Campus Coalition on Alcohol and Other Drugs brings demanded changes and constitutes several years of investigation and town hall meetings. President Stewart took initial steps to investigate issues surrounding alcohol consumption on the Hill. The Coalition presented the final report in the spring of 2004. Next, the 2004 Adler Conference continued and revived the discussion between the administration and students. Both reports examined the current rules at Hamilton College and contained input for improvement.

Happily, the discussion did not end as the final reports were issued. Rather, the committee expanded and broadened its action to include alcohol and drugs. Again, the committee consisted of staff and students who eagerly listened to campus opinions. Throughout the two years, many expressed the desire to know the punishments for violating campus policy. This is a strong example of the campus community effectively working together to draft, revise, and implement a codified set of "points."

The new system further explains the punishments for violating campus policy. It provides greater detail for the punishments and the crimes. No longer will students wait several weeks to receive a letter detailing "their presence at an event with alcohol and minors." The new point system aims to clarify the existing rules and provide a more efficient way to inform students of their violations.

However, a range of points is needed to establish the varying circumstances surrounding a violation. For example, accidents will be differentiated from willful intent.

Armed with this new information, the students will be better informed of the consequences for our actions. We hope this new clarity will result in a smoother, more effective judicial process in which the rights of students are protected as vigorously as the codified set of rules.

Cheers to the members of the Campus Coalition on Alcohol and Other Drugs. May our glasses provide a jovial clink as the points competition begins.

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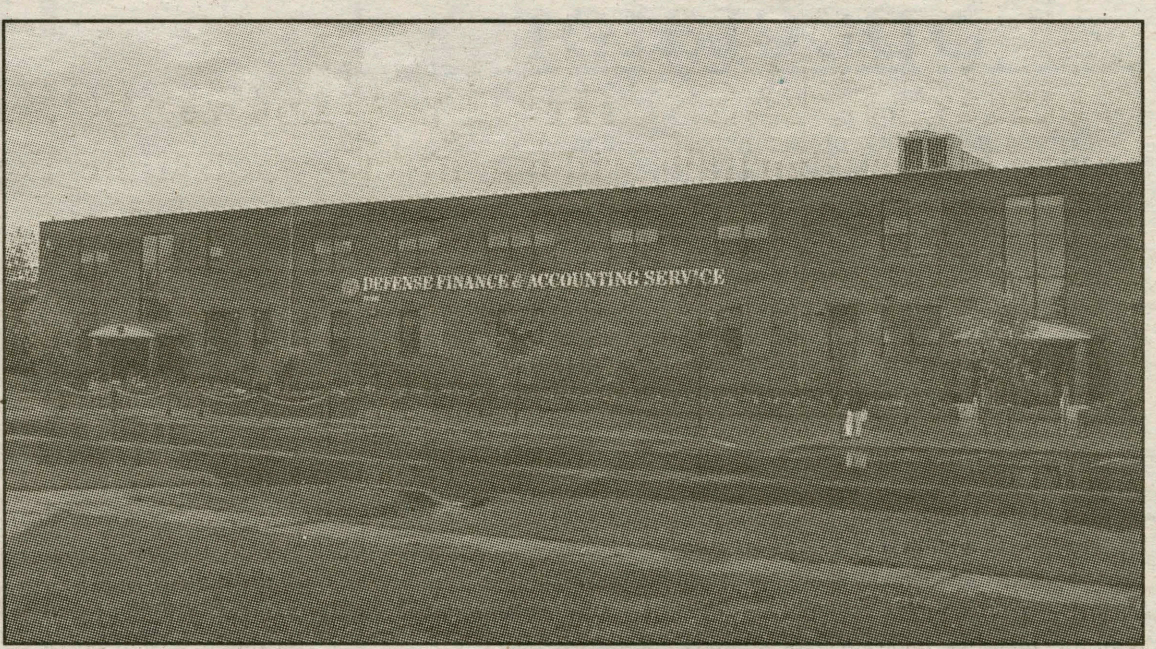
BRACC spares two Rome sites

by Eric Kuhn '09
NEWS WRITER



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The Base Realignment and Closure Commission voted to keep two military facilities in Rome open. The decision could bring 600 jobs and $80 million dollars to the Mohawk Valley economy.

The Base Realignment and Closure Committee (BRACC) decided on August 25 to keep two military operations open in Rome, creating hundreds of new jobs in the process. A 7-0 vote (with two abstentions) by the committee prevented the closing of the Defense Finance & Accounting Service (D-FAS) and the Sensors Directorate of Rome Lab.

D-FAS Rome:
The perfect location

The Pentagon wanted D-FAS Rome to be shut down, which would have cut 380 jobs. Rome faced a similar dilemma in 1993 when Griffiss Air Force Base was closed down, leaving the area economically devastated with its loss of 10,000-12,000 jobs.

The Mohawk Valley Economic Development Growth Enterprises Corp. (MV EDGE), has been working on this project since January 2004. MV EDGE developed the presentation given to Commissioner Loyd Newton and argued that ten cities should keep their bases open; Rome, of course, was one of them. "Rome has one of the best records for service," said Rob Duchow, a spokesman for the organization.

The BRAC Committee needed to consolidate their 24 D-FAS sites around the nation and chose Rome and only four other places to stay open.

Local pride was running high after the decision, which will bring 600 additional jobs to the Mohawk Valley. "Merit and military value won the day," said Congressman Sherwood Boehlert. "We showed that D-FAS Rome is a low cost, high productivity operation that should remain."

Rome Lab:
An even exchange

The Sensors Directorate of Rome Lab experienced no net gain or loss from the BRACC decision. The Rome lab will have to move 130 of its jobs to the Wright Patterson Air Base in Ohio, but it will get just as many jobs from the Hanscom Air Force Base in Massachusetts. "Job wise it is pretty much a wash," Duchow said. "Economically, however, it is a win for the region… Jobs coming in will replace the jobs vacated."

New York Economics 101

Upstate New York's economy has been struggling for some time now while losing jobs to the South, according to Dr. Ann Owen, Associate Professor of Economics and Director of the Arthur Levitt Public Affairs Center. The Utica/Rome area has a relatively low unemployment level, but people have been moving away with the loss of jobs. Over the past 10 years, the population of the area has decreased by 5.5 percent.

Six hundred jobs might not seem like a huge gain, considering that 300,000 live in the Utica/Rome area, but "it is certainly a big thing if you are one of the 600 people," according to Owen. "Jobs are held one person at a time. To lose 600 jobs in a booming economy is not a big deal, but in a struggling economy it is."

New Yorkers React

Senator Chuck Schumer was delighted to hear about the BRAC Committee's decision. In a statement he said, "Santa Claus came early to the Mohawk Valley today. We told them that Rome had the best labor force…and they heard us even more loudly and clearly than we had expected."

Oneida County Executive Joseph A. Griffo credited a team effort in securing the military facilities: "We won this fight because we did our homework, proved our case based on facts, and used every public and private channel possible to make our case."

Lorie Guerrieri, owner of Spressos Coffee House in Rome, knows what it is like to lose a job because one does not want to relocate. She had that experience twice working for US Airways. Guerrieri is thrilled about the economic effects that the BRACC verdict will have for the area. "This will mean new families coming to the area, never mind how good it is for business," said Guerrieri, over the morning hustle-and-bustle in her local coffee shop. "Just that jobs didn't leave was great, but adding them was more than I could ever have hoped for."

The Greater Utica/Rome Board of Realtors felt so strongly adopt keeping the bases open that they donated $10,000 to MV EDGE. "The Rome realtors have really hung in there for a long time after the Griffiss Air Force Base closed," said Carol Longo, executive officer of the Board. Her clients, waiting to buy houses in the area contingent on the BRACC decision, now can take a breath of relief. Longo added, "Long term, it will have a dramatic effect on real-estate in Rome and in the surrounding area."

The Village

This victory is based on a collaborative effort . "This BRACC process has once again shown the importance of this community working together to achieve common goals," said State Senator Raymond Meier. "All of our state, local and federal officials, as well as the professional staff of Mohawk Valley EDGE, worked to present a solid, fact-based case and equally solid united front."

The proposal goes to President Bush on September 8 for his signature. From there, if approved, it will be given to Congress, who will have 45 days to solidify or reject the BRACC report.

Kirkland Project will undergo budget, name, policy changes

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"The College Speaker Fund will include general lecture funds that previously resided in the department and program accounts."

"The Speaker Fund will provide a more consistent resource for supporting requests from faculty and employees who wish to bring speakers to campus," Pillow said.

The Kirkland Project can also request support from the Speaker Fund, as well as the Kirkland Endowment, and it "still has a budget that will support its expenses and programs like its research associates," Pillow added.

Though The Project's budget was reduced, Pillow said, "The Project is the product of the hard work of a lot of people," and he hopes "it will continue to play a vital role in the Hamilton Community."

In response to questions of censorship, Stewart stated in her report that the College has "no intention of shunning speakers merely because they are controversial." Instead, she said in choosing speakers, herself and the committee "will act morally, ethically… And in the best interest of the College."

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The Project will also undergo a name change. Stewart explained that there is disagreement over whether The Project "reflects or represents the legacy of Kirkland College." The name may also "distract The Project's future pursuit of its mission," she said. However, there is no set deadline for the new name of The Project. "It's under the discussion of the committee," said Pillow.

Additionally, in an attempt for greater clarity, simplification, and to encourage greater dialogue and debate, The Project will also revise its organizational mission statement.

Stewart added in her report that she is "optimistic about Hamilton and its future" and cites that "even the Annual Fund is rebounding as the affection alumni have for their alma mater reasserts itself."

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Student Assembly discusses elections, budgets

Spring budget shortfalls will not affect organizations this fall; Class of 2009 elections slated

by Ian Mandel '06
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Greetings to new members, discussion of funding requests and an improvement to Hamilton dining were addressed as Student Assembly (SA) officially kicked off its fall semester operations at its first weekly meeting.

SA Vice President Ben Johnston '07 and President Michael Blasie '07 welcomed new and returning members and reflected on the challenges of representing the student body.

"While some obsess over the effects, we deal with both the effects and the source of the issues. We both defend and critique the status quo. We debate. We work. And most of all, we make a difference," Blasie said in his opening remarks. "In the end, for all our failures we will have only our self to blame. For every one of our successes, current and future students will reap the benefits. Welcome to Student Assembly."

Johnston urged Assembly members to think proactively to improve the College, rather than relying on reactionary, quick-fix policies when a situation arises.

"Obviously we're going to still have things thrown at us...but I'd like to get things done as soon as possible," he said.

After approving the minutes from the last SA meeting of the spring semester, the Assembly unanimously approved Scott Iseman '07 as the next SA Treasurer. Blasie and Johnston praised Iseman, calling him "very responsible and also highly organized."

Next, Blasie informed members of their responsibility to sit on two committees, with the exception of the judicial and honor court chairs. He urged members to apply to for committee chairmanships, positions open to all students, by submitting a letter of interest by Wednesday, August 31 to the executive board.

Election Chair Manny Rosario '08 addressed the next order of business, the upcoming SA elections to select a president, secretary / treasurer, honor court representative and five representatives for the class of 2009, to be held in a September 23 on-line election. After a brief discussion about using the online ballot, the measure to hold the elections passed unanimously.

The only committee business came from the Food Committee and spring committee chair Zoë Baldwin '06. Baldwin asserted that diner delivery, a project started last semester, was slated to begin during the week of September 5. According to her, diner delivery will have an entirely cash menu and a one-dollar surcharge will be assessed per delivery.

Parliamentarian Lorraine Sperling '08 discussed constitutional matters, informing SA that the revised constitution had been posted online.

Going back to student elections, Blasie asserted that Class of 2008 president Josh Cheung had taken a leave of absence and asked to speak with the 2008 delegation after the meeting.

The focus of the meeting then shifted to the SA budget. According to Iseman, funding requests from student organizations will be turned in by September 16 and will be followed by an SA funding review the following day. Organizations will meet with Iseman on September 7 to discuss rules and regulations, spending procedures and how the Funding Committee wants organizational budgets presented.

A brief discussion of the spring semester's budget-crunch ensued after Class of 2007 Representative Melissa Coffey questioned whether last year's budget would be used as a guide because of the funding shortage. Iseman, who was not on the Assembly at the time, admitted there had been some problems last semester, adding that SA would likely use a combination of last fall and last spring's budgets, taking the budget-crunch into consideration. He then estimated the 2005-2006 academic year budget would be around $270,000.

In its final order of business, SA addressed two rush-funding requests made by the Samuel Kirkland Film Society and the Cheerleading Squad. The Cheerleading Squad asked for $1,502.55 for three supplemental uniforms, pom-poms and fifteen warm-up jackets.

Because the requested items were needed before the Funding Meeting, an impromptu funding committee composed of Blasie, Johnston, Iseman and the secretary-treasurers of each class met and recommended that the Squad receive a total of $260, far below their requested amount. Iseman said the committee recommended not funding the warm-up jackets, which comprised the majority of the request.

The Film Society submitted a request for $7,552, including more than $6,500 for a twelve-week movie package, $100 for publicity, $500 to co-sponsor movies with other organizations, and $400 for an outdoor movie showing. The committee recommended funding all of the requests except the co-sponsorship funds, a total of $6,922.

A motion to fund the Film Society for the recommended amount, plus the $500 for co-sponsorship, passed with nine members in favor, 11 opposed and two abstaining. Because the motion did not receive a majority of the 22 members present, the motion passed.

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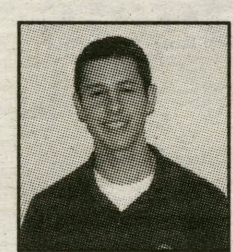
When in Rome...make sure the Pope is alive



by Adam Gordon '06
Insights & Ideas Writer

Before I left for Rome last spring my dentist, of all people, gave me two pieces of advice: "Watch out for Italian women," he remarked, and, "hope the pope doesn't die." Crazy women and something about the pope, I thought I could handle it.

Getting into the abroad program is easy. You send your grades, a recommendation, pretty standard stuff. However, getting into the country can be a lot trickier than cashing your frequent flier miles. Before I event stepped foot in Rome, I had already gotten a taste of the Italian bureaucracy at the New York Italian Consulate office. Like most countries, you need a visa to stay in Italy. So you fill in a few forms, make a few copies of your passport, no big deal, right? WRONG. You have to go down to Consulate on one of the two days it's opened, get in line at 7:00 AM, and wait for your turn to come up to the window. I arrived at 7:00 as was suggested, only to find that some kids had been there since 5:00 AM. So after 6 hours it was my turn. The lady behind the window told me I was missing a document (which wasn't listed on their website) and promptly dismissed me. I went back the next day, waited again for hours, and eventually got the damn thing. It was finally time for the journey to begin.

There are few cities that have Rome's beauty. Nothing is more spectacular than being surrounded by ancient ruins, beautiful art, and the aroma of mouthwatering cuisine. Unlike Florence, where tourism drives economy, Rome is a real city with real working people. It was hard to fathom that this place was going to be home for the next four months.

My Italian was decent, but by no means good. I quickly discovered how effective pointing and making hand gestures could be to achieving my goals. "If they don't speak English," my buddy quipped, "they'll speak American Express." The language barrier, although sometimes frustrating, proved not to be terrible. I could usually get what I wanted; it just took broken Italian combined with a little Spanish and some hand acrobatics. Just be careful not to accidentally insult somebody's mother. My buddy learned that lesson the hard way.

Man, what a lifestyle: Go to class, drink wine and sun bathe in a piazza, watch Gladiator and then go to the Coliseum, go back to class, drink some wine, etc. Academically, it wasn't exactly Hamilton College. Still, I took some interesting classes and managed to learn a lot. You really can't beat on-site lectures in a place like Rome. I read the classics in the old Roman forum and learned about the Sistine Chapel while gazing up at it. In terms of classroom environments, it beat the hell out of KJ. One can easily forget how much you can learn outside the classroom. I learned how to adapt to a new country with people with different language, values, and way of life. No college in America could give me that kind of knowledge.

When I say that I ate a lot, I mean it. With a daily outdoor market two minutes from my apartment, there was no way I could resist the fresh bread, pasta, vegetables, and mozzarella cheese, which melted in your mouth. Not to mention the incredible pastries and creamy gelato. In theory, I should have gained about 150 pounds. My daily consumption was the South Beach Diet's worst nightmare. Luckily, I ended up walking about five to seven miles each day. That's the way most of Europe is; everyone walks like it's their job- you just get used to it. Hey all you American fat asses, I think these people are on to something.

My dentist warned me to watch out for the women. Because I already had a girlfriend, I wasn't too worried. But let me tell you something, those Italian broads are feisty. They are very confident in themselves and will not put up with American guy BS. Remember my friend who accidentally insulted someone's mom? Well let's just say the language barrier resulted in a glass of Pino Grigio getting dumped all over him.

The first three months were great: museums galore, traveling almost every weekend, and of course fending for my life at AS Roma soccer games. But then it happened; the Pope died.

It was kind of exciting at first. The Vatican was practically my backyard as I lived a five minute walk from it. There were news crews everywhere, and the city was on lockdown. A few times I called my mom from St. Pete's Square, being the American idiot jumping up and down behind CNN International cameras. But then they came, all three and half million of them. It was chaos. The population of modern Rome is about four million people. When the Pope passed, the amount of people in Rome almost doubled. It was chaos. I saw nuns being trampled on the subway, Restaurant bathrooms turned into cesspools, and I am guessing that homeless people rented out their benches as there was not one hotel room in the city. So with millions of people attending the Pope's funeral in one tiny area of the city, I did the only thing that seemed logical; went sightseeing.

Outside of the Vatican, every place that was a usually a tourist's nightmare was essentially deserted. I strolled around the Pantheon hit up the forum, and then went to the Coliseum and practiced my sweet gladiator moves when no one was looking.

By the time my time in Rome was up, I felt like I was just getting adjusted to the Italian lifestyle. I had to have a cappuccino every morning, I was obsessed with Italian futbol, and I finally had gotten the courage to get some fashionable ass tight jeans (courage meaning that my old jeans were just ripped, and I bought the baggiest ones in my size).

The challenging part about Rome was not so much my classes but just trying to survive in another country. The things you take for granted, like getting a sandwich the way you want, are suddenly not guaranteed. The language and cultural barriers were daunting, and it was often frustrating when people didn't understand. But I hung in there, and it turned out to be one of the best experiences of my life.

I miss Rome and can't wait to return. Sometimes, when I close my eyes, I can still feel that cool Mediterranean breeze or still taste fresh bread right out of the oven. I can still see Michelangelo's beautiful ceiling and hear the sound of church bells ringing. But before I hop back on the plane, I'm probably going to have to get my teeth cleaned.

Hopefully this time my dentist will keep his mouth shut.

Single-sex loos?

by Molly McGaughan '09
Insights & Ideas Writer

College. A time for learning, growing, independence: and forced single sex bathrooms. After an aggravating floor meeting on the light side last night, it was official: 18 year old college students are not allowed to coexist in the same bathroom, or at least not on the northern side. You would think with an All-star streaking team, which has thankfully graced our presence twice in the past week, brushing your teeth next to a member of the opposite sex wouldn't be such a problem here at Hamilton; but to parents and students it is. We, fellow Dunhamites, as well as the rest of the dorms on the light side, including Kirkland, North, Carnegie, Saunders etc., are not allowed to have co-ed bathrooms after racking up several complaints from several parents. After trying out co-ed bathrooms on the light side, it was finally stopped.

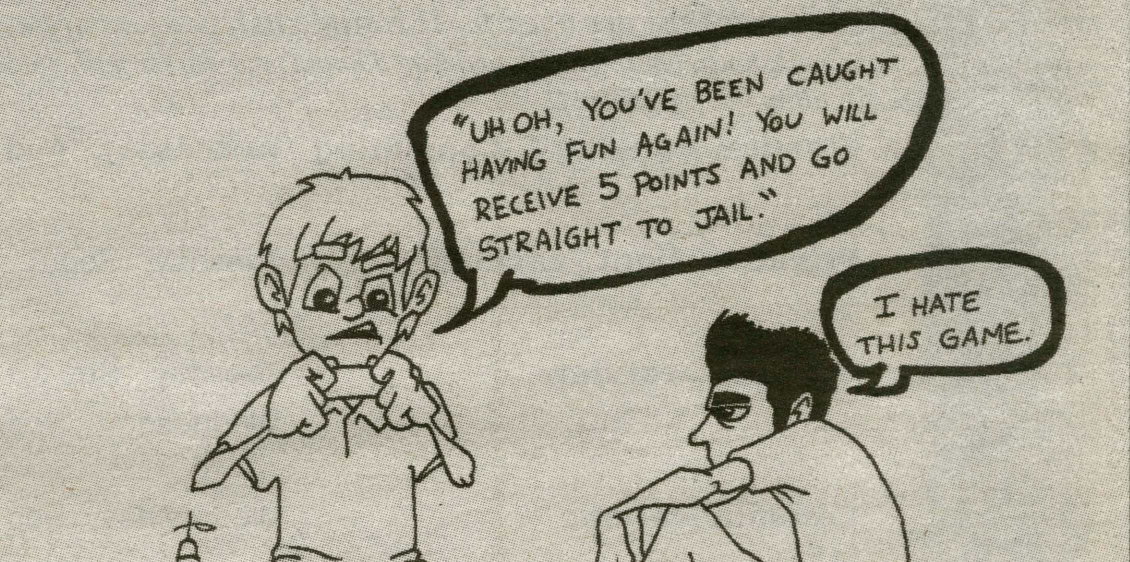
Amit Desai, a Residential Advisor for Dunham, states, "Several parents complained for many years, and so finally a decision was made last year to keep them single sex." And although the issue does not seem like a very big one, it is to the many girls and boys who have to walk across their dorm half naked with a shower tote filled with personal items just to take a shower. Despite the disadvantages of single-sex bathrooms on co-ed floors, the advantages seem to outweigh the bad.

Claire Colegrove of Keenh comments, "I think it promotes a sense of community amongst floor mates and maturity when dealing with the opposite sex. You learn to feel totally comfortable within your living environment."

With such student support, it seems like an issue that could be resolved, especially with the description in the school handbook, which states that, "Students living in co-ed hallways have the opportunity to vote on whether their bathrooms may be open to both men and women. Resident advisors facilitate this discussion and vote at the beginning of each semester." And although several dorms had a vote and voted for co-ed bathrooms on their co-ed floors, head RA's and area directors pooled together to decide that the bathrooms on the light side should "officially" remain single sex due to too many complaints.

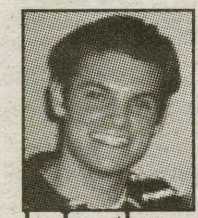
Steve Rowe, a freshman living on the north side of campus who is affected by the decision, comments, "It's insulting that we're mature and responsible enough to attend one of the finest colleges in the nation, yet they don't think we're mature enough to share a bathroom with the opposite sex." The issue, one that has been debated for several years, will only be resolved once parents and students on the north side can resolve their differences and make the mature-and convenient-decision for all of us. Until then, the dark side seems to be the enlightened side on this issue.

Drawing Criticism by Tom Booth '06



Left! Right! Hamilton Let's Fight!

This week's topic: Healthcare



by Jonathan Kuhl '06
Senior Editor

In a society as advanced as ours, healthcare should be a guaranteed right. While this may initially sound radical, when you think about it, if people in the United States are guaranteed the somewhat trivial right to bear arms, it seems awfully strange to also believe that if someone is sick, they don't also have the right to receive care.

More simply, in the United States of America, one's economic status should never determine whether a person lives or dies.

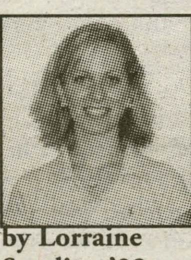
In terms of policies designed to help small businesses offer health insurance to their employees, I am in full support. As the cost of healthcare is ever rising, the federal government would be overwhelmed if given the responsibility of paying for the entire nation's healthcare system.

As such, people who are able to afford health insurance, or work in jobs where it is provided, should use these forms of healthcare. What I worry about, however, are the people (especially children) who don't have the means to afford healthcare.

Under the current administration, there has been a strong focus on policies aimed at those in and above the upper-middle-class. I suppose this makes sense - a large degree of President Bush's support lies in the upper classes, and economically affluent people are more likely to vote than their poorer counterparts.

This does not, however, excuse the President and his Republican allies for their actions. Government officials should use their power to work not just for those who are capable of paying to have their voices heard, but also those who don't have the ability to fight for themselves.

I'm not knowledgeable enough about the intricacies of various healthcare policies to render a judgment about what policies should be pursued and which should be scrapped, but I do strongly believe that whatever policies we implement should account for the needs of everyone - not just the richest among us.



by Lorraine Sperling '08
Insights & Ideas Writer

Pressure is mounting on employers to provide better health insurance for employees, especially with media coverage and political sound bites focusing on the 45 million uninsured. A recent bill, H.R. 525: The Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2005 addresses this issue precisely. The bill, which passed in the House, was referred to the Senate, and is now sitting in the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, aims to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) "to provide for [the] establishment and governance of association health plans (AHPs)," according to the Congressional Research Service. In the simplest terms, AHPs allow different organizations (be it small businesses, chambers of commerce, trade associations, etc.) to join hands (and financial capabilities) to purchase comprehensive group health insurance plans comparable to those afforded by larger corporations like IBM. In other words, Joe Smith, the bakery-owner, might be able to afford health insurance for his staff if he can team up with Sam Jones, the bakery-owner across town and a local Baker's Association member to purchase an AHP shared by all involved. What a great idea! Well, not everyone seems to think so.

H.R. 525 unsurprisingly faces opposition from the left, despite democrats' repeated cries to "solve" the problem of the nation's 45 million uninsured. Why, you might ask, would democrats oppose legislation that would arguably expand health care coverage to a sizeable majority of the uninsured? Because AHPs threaten to delay the long-term democratic agenda to pursue a single payer health care system, or a scheme in which the government pays for all health services and the health care industry assumes largely not-for-profit status. Embedded in the rhetoric promising "free health care for all" and "equal access" lies the objective to abandon a privatized, multi payer health care system and to pursue a major institutional shift toward a government-run, single payer system. Think universal coverage and "free" health care sounds pretty good? Think again.

Democrats notoriously point to Canada with its single payer system as the virtual health care paradise, but paradise lost this summer when the Canadian Supreme Court made a landmark decision declaring its health care system unconstitutional, for it violated Section 7 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, which granted the right to life, liberty, and security. The Court reasoned that, since Canadian citizens were dying on waiting lists as a direct result of the inefficiencies created by the single payer system, it violated the right to life as prescribed by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Dr. Jacques Chaoulli, the physician/lawyer who argued the case, stressed that "universal coverage does not mean universal access," and the Canadian experiment arguably shows that true, quality access to actual care can only be achieved in a privatized health care system containing the necessary incentives for quality care.

Returning to the issue at hand, it is important to realize that we in America can improve coverage and access without going single-payer. By amending ERISA to allow employers to purchase AHPs, we can expand coverage options by way of expanding small businesses' ability to purchase plans for their employees. However, this option does come with a price: you would have to delay a potential future of long lines and 30-second-long physician consultations. That's the deal; you make the choice.

Thumbs up

- DU's total domination of Milbank. Do they mortgage damage bills?

- New York's age of consent: 17.

- Catching freshman girls before the ice cream does.

- Taking sign language to better your game.

- #15

Thumbs down

- Hooking up with an ugly freshman: 6 points... your parents will be notified.

- The "Green Cafe" at McEwen- is that oregano in that pasta?

- Your new post-grad job... working at TGI Friday's. Your degree really means something.

- The 40th e-mail about the TDX party. We get it- you want more than 5 pledges this year.

by Jesse Gaylord '06, Jason Thomas '06, Whitney Bull '06

Who cares

- How your summer was, where you are living this year, how tan you look, what new clothes you got, how glad you are to be back at school, what classes you are taking, how weird it is to be back from abroad...

- That your freshman fake ID worked at Weaver's.

The Points System: Read It, Learn It, Just Don't Do It.

by Philip Klinkner
Associate Dean of Students, Chair of the Campus Coalition on Alcohol and Other Drugs

As many students are already aware, the College has instituted some changes to its judicial system this fall. First, there is a new point system for judicial sanctions that gives students clear knowledge of the likely punishment they will receive and where they stand in relation to serious punishments like probation and suspension. Second, students caught vandalizing campus property will be automatically suspended. The only exception will be for students who turn themselves in immediately. These students will be assessed 6 points (probation) and required to pay twice the cost of the repair or replacement for their damage, up to $1000 with a $100 minimum fine. Finally, enforcement of existing alcohol policies will be improved with an increased staff presence during weekend nights during the first month of the school year.

Students have had many questions about these changes and the motivations behind them. In the space below I would like to address some of the more common questions so that students will better understand what will and will not be happening this year, and why.

Q: Isn't the point system just an effort to increase punishments?

A: One of the strongest recommendations that we have received from students in recent years is that we should implement a point system to make judicial sanctions clearer. Based on this recommendation, a committee of students, faculty, and staff designed the point system to clarify, not modify, the existing system of punishments. As a result, with the exception of the new punishment for vandalism, the point system closely reflects the sanctions that the college has actually been giving out in previous years.

Q: Will these points stay with students for all four years?

A: No. Students with no additional violations will lose 3 points one calendar year from the original sanction date. That way, students who make one minor mistake will not have it dog them through their whole college career.

Q: Can students get points if they need alcohol related medical attention or report someone who does?

A: Students should not let fear of punishment deter them from seeking medical help for themselves or others. The college does not sanction students for alcohol violations in such cases. Instead, it emphasizes education so that such incidents do not occur again.

Q: Isn't a zero tolerance policy for vandalism an overreaction?

A: This is not a zero-tolerance policy because students have the option of turning themselves in. The problem of vandalism is a very serious one that last year cost $46,000.00. Even worse than the monetary cost, vandalism reflects a fundamental disregard for community rules and utter disrespect for others. This behavior has no place at Hamilton.

Q: Aren't you turning Hamilton into a police state?

A: Hamilton is not seeking to punish students who drink and act responsibly in private. Only when students call attention to themselves by acting in dangerous, destructive, disruptive, or illegal ways will the College sanction them.

Q: Why are you bothering with minor violations like open containers or underage drinking? These types of behaviors don't really hurt anybody.

A: Behind this policy is the "broken windows theory" that has worked very successfully in bringing down crime rates in many cities. The theory is that if you see a house with no broken windows, you are very unlikely to break one, but if you see a house with many broken windows, you are much more likely to break another one. Similarly, in environments where there are lots of little violations going on in the open, people quickly get the idea that no one is in charge and that the rules don't mean anything. As a result, the little violations proliferate and inevitably escalate into major ones. By dealing with minor violations we want students to know that the college takes its alcohol policies seriously and that there are consequences even for those who break the little rules. We believe that by addressing minor violations students will begin making more responsible choices and be deterred from engaging in additional or more serious violations.

Q: Won't stricter enforcement on campus just force students to go off campus and increase the risk of drunk driving?

A: First, college policies don't "force" students to do anything. Students are free to make their own choices and college policies are intended to encourage responsible behavior and punish irresponsible behavior. Second, the college takes drunk driving very seriously and will suspend for at least a year any students caught doing so. Yet, as much as the college wants to discourage drunk driving, it can't let the fear of drunk driving stop it from enforcing other policies that it believes are necessary and reasonable. This is important because while drunk driving is perhaps the most recognized danger of alcohol abuse, it is by no means the only one. Abuse of alcohol also leads to violence, vandalism, alcohol poisoning, date rape and sexual assault, depression, and suicide, along with many other types of dangerous or destructive behavior. Already this year there have been two students taken to the emergency room because of alcohol. The college can't focus on just one danger, like drunk driving, and ignore all the rest. The college's alcohol policies are designed to balance a variety of factors in order to protect our students' overall safety.

Q: Drinking isn't so bad, why don't you worry about abuse of more serious drugs like cocaine or worse?

A: Alcohol is by far the most abused drug on campus and it contributes to many other problems. Furthermore, the college has very stiff penalties for more dangerous drugs and it has and will continue to enforce them. For example students caught with cocaine can expect to be suspended or expelled from Hamilton.

I hope that students will find this information useful and that they will help us all make this the safest and best year in Hamilton history.

Point System Violation and Point Ranges

				Parental Notice		Probation				Separation
Violation	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**	**8**	**9**	**10**
Open container										
Violation of smoking policy indoors										
Excessive noise										
Possession of drug paraphernalia										
Refusal to ID oneself to college authorities										
False identification										
Possession of alcohol under 21										
Disruptive behavior										
Lewd behavior										
Failure to leave building during fire alarm										
Serving alcohol to minors										
Violation of bulk alcohol policy										
Aggressive physical behavior										
Marijuana use & possession										
Weapons policy violation										
Destruction of college or private property*										
Theft										
Abusive/threatening behavior										
Disabling a smoke detector										
Discharge of fire extinguisher										
Altering/falsifying college documents										
Hazing										
Illegal drug use and or possession, not marijuana										
Physical violence with a weapon										
Driving under the influence										
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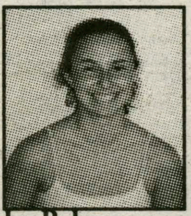
Advice column: dear Hamilton Helper



by Rebecca Griffin '09
Insights & Ideas Writer

Dear Hamilton Helper,

I'm a freshman living on the dark side and my roommate and I have a problem. We have no idea how to make our bland white walls and graffiti filled cement ceiling look anything more than tragically depressing. Please help us put an end to the monotony of our room.

Dreadfully Dull Dark Side Dweller

Dear Dark Side Dweller,

I too know the pain of living on the dark side of campus but cheer up all is not lost. You can make you're room more inviting my covering your walls with posters and pictures. It's also possible to use those attractive pipes on the ceiling as a way to hang an assortment of contraptions and decorations that can be found at Walmart. As for the graffiti I'd suggest that you make up a story about who exactly Tina was and why Matt is the pimp god of 2001. You could also have fun buying really ugly stuffed animals to name or just naming ordinary dorm objects, oooh it's Pepe the Protractor!

Dear Hamilton Helper,

I'm an upperclassman that has noticed a startling trend in the freshman class. It appears that they are unable to move unless surrounded by at least half a dozen others. These students move in packs and I find myself being pushed aside to make room as they pass or else waiting a startling amount of time behind them in line for stir-fry. What is behind this peculiar trend and how can we upperclassmen stop it?

Rattled Returnee

Dear Returnee,

Well what needs to be understood is that the freshman class travel in packs out of fear of being separated from the herd and actually having to talk to an upperclassmen. When they are in a group they are less vulnerable to infiltration and the need to prove themselves as more than just confused freshman. The simple answer is that upperclassmen must corner them alone and engage them in conversation. Once they've adapted to the fact that there is a twenty-one year old guy in the shower next to them they'll be brave enough to venture out on their own.

Dear Hamilton Helper,

I notice that I seem to lose my keys on almost a day to day basis. I put them in my pocket but tend to lose them while walking and or when I change pants. What can I do about my tendency to end up outside at three in the morning wondering how my roommates dungeons and dragons get together could possibly last six hours?

Eternal Outsider

Dear Outsider,

Well this is the perfect time for you to go out to the lovely campus store and buy yourself a wonderful Hamilton lanyard. They're stylish and oh so practical. That or you can buy a lanyard from another college and watch as people look at you with a confused expression and ask if you're lost. It's tons of fun, trust me.

Dear Hamilton Helper,

I have now witnessed seeing the Hamilton Streaking team twice and am not sure how I feel about this. What should I do?

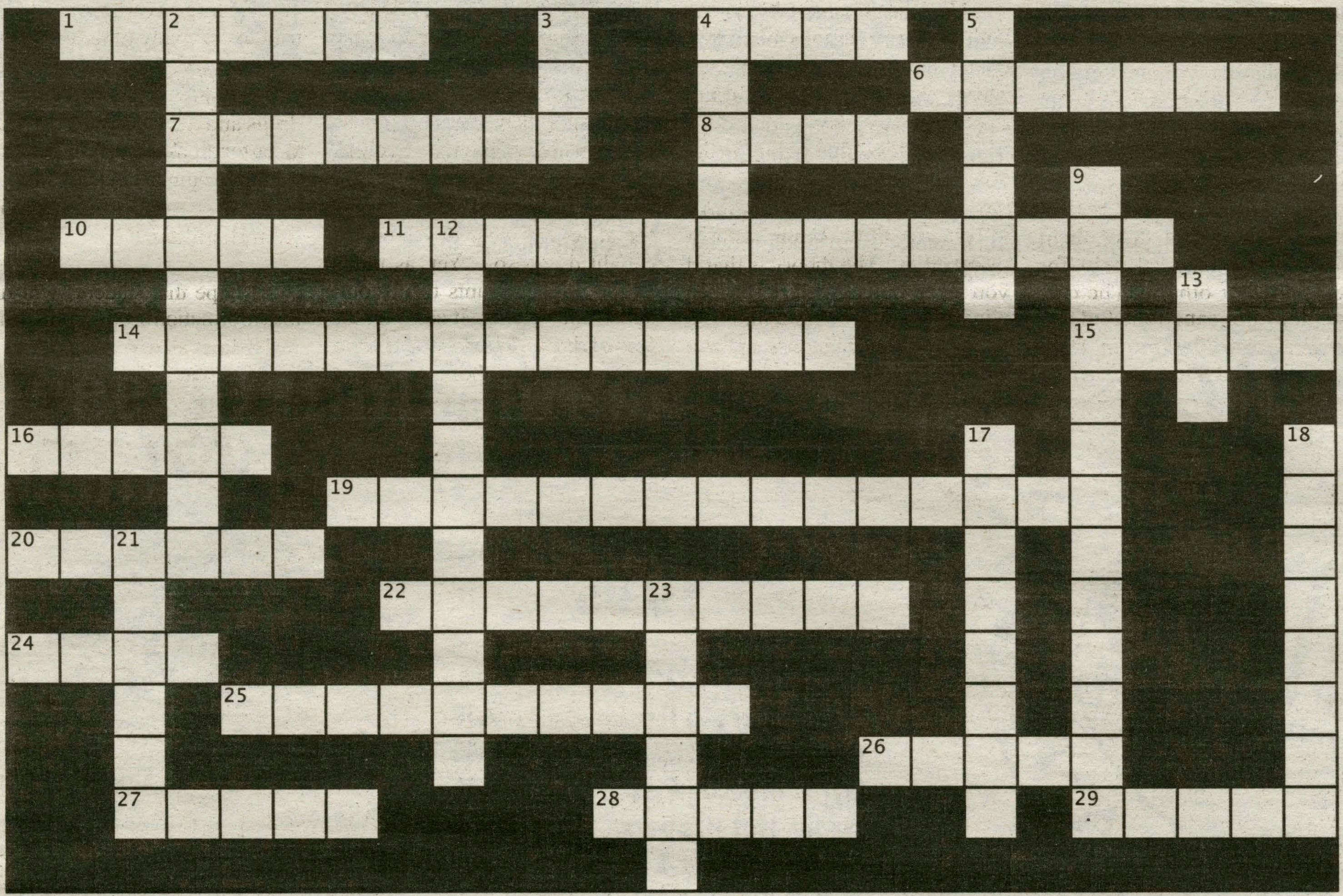
Nonplussed by Nudes

Dear Nonplussed

Wait until your friends from back home start bragging about how they have a really great coffee shop right near campus and shoot back, "Oh yeah, well my school has a streaking team." Game, set and match it beats them everytime.

Have a Question for the Hamilton Helper? E-mail her at: rgriffin@hamilton.edu

Welcome back, Here are some words...



Across
1. Part of SSS
4. Where to find soil pits
6. New Hartford cinemas
7. Part of I&I
8. X4000, abbr.
10. On-campus party location
11. Last day of classes
14. Where to shop
15. _______ Commons
16. Last year's New York State Professor of the Year recipient
19. First year gain
20. Hamilton's transportation
22. 10 points punishment, perhaps
24. Place to buy beer
25. Reason for expulsion
26. New student
27. Dean Thompson
28. Dean Paris
29. Franklin and Rayne

Down
2. Part of NSO
3. Virus killer, abbr.
4. New cafe color?
5. The Village ________
9. Popular beer
12. Over 21 on-campus asset
13. They may arrest you, abbr.
17. Old DU
18. Place to get a fix
21. This year's New Student Orientation theme
23. Football league

by Rebecca Grusky '06
Insights & Ideas Writer

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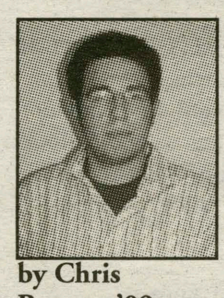
Red Sox and Politics...



by Chris Bouton '09
Insights & Ideas Writer

This will be my first of what I hope will be many columns for *The Spectator*. To begin, I'd like to simply list in a sentence or two some observations on things I believe are important. Additionally, I'll add some of my favorite quotes from various sources that are either particularly apt or particularly funny.

I am a Red Sox fan and have been so since guys like Scott Cooper, Tim Naehring, and Mike Greenwell trolled the grounds at Fenway Park.

My friends commonly joke that I am 84 years old. How do they arrive at 84? Apparently I was born at the age of 65 and then add the 19 years I've been living, hence 84.

I hold a deep disdain for any so called Red Sox fan who proudly donned a cowboy hat during the 2003 ALCS and howled "Cowboy Up!" at the top of their lungs.

I am a fan of the following; *Star Trek: The Next Generation, Star Trek: Deep Space Nine, the new Battlestar Galactica, Star Wars, and the Lord of the Rings.* (Insert joke or snide remark here).

The 2004 ALCS was over the moment Alex Rodriguez slapped the ball out of Bronson Arroyo's hand and was called out. Any other year Rodriguez would have been called safe, and the Red Sox Nation would have had to endure another winter of discontent.

The 2004 World Series was over the moment Scott Stapp sang the National Anthem at Busch Stadium before Game 3. No team is going to win the World Series with Scott Stapp singing the National Anthem.

When we debated in my AP U.S. History class there was one rule: "Attack the ideas, not people. An idea can be stupid, a person is not." I think this was a great lesson to students so that we could freely explore our ideas and beliefs but respect and understand the beliefs of those who disagreed with us. Yet, that lesson does not translate to the realm of adult political discourse, where the pundits behave like spoiled children and throw fits on the air.

By the time this is printed, I still won't know what Carissima means.

Barbra W. Tuchman's *The March of Folly* should be required reading for every elected official in the United States.

Dean Paris had it right when he said in his convocation speech that, "Bill O'Reilly is to fair and balanced as reality TV is to reality."

Stephen Sondheim is the greatest American lyricist and songwriter of the 20th century. If anyone doubts that, take *Sweeney Todd, Into the Woods,* and *Sundays in the Park with George* and compare it to the work of anyone else and I guarantee that Sondheim work is better.

"The best argument against democracy is a five-minute conversation with the average voter," Sir Winston Churchill.

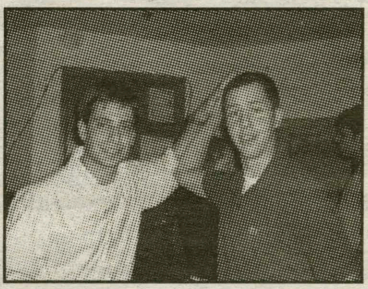
If Senator Hillary Clinton wins the Democratic nomination in 2008, then I'm voting for a third party. If Senator Joseph Biden wins the Democratic nomination, then I will vote for him. If Senator Rick Santorum from Pennsylvania is reelected to the Senate, then we are all in deep trouble.

When seeing President Bush riding his bicycle or tearing up weeds on his ranch in Crawford, Texas is anyone else reminded of Emperor Nero fiddling while Rome burned?

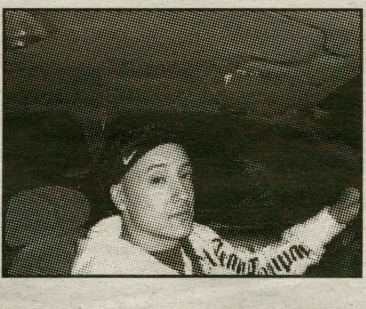
Hamilton Unscripted
Question of the Week:
What do you think of the freshman class?

by Rebecca Grusky '06
Insights & Ideas Writer

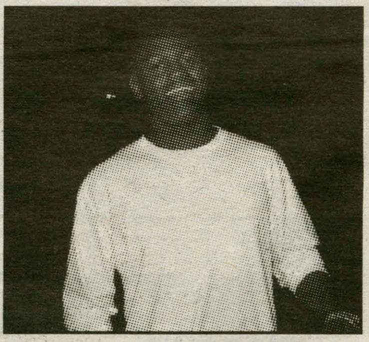
"They're... um... really a lot smarter than me." -Abby Campanie '06



"They have great personalities." -Alex Kaufman '06 and Adam Gordon '06



"They're aight, yo. They're cool." -Vlad Rodriguez '06



"All of them think my name is Max." -Donnell Hutson '06

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3 Items	7.75	11.95
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Investigative report: modeling incoming students

Orientation Leaders, Resident Advisors and Campus Saftey, oh my!

by Damon Weinberg '09
FEATURES WRITER

Approximately 500 members of the Hamilton Class of 2009 arrived on campus to begin New Student Orientation on Tuesday, August 23. The students came to Clinton from thirty-six states and twenty-two different countries. The nearly one week long orientation program featured a variety of activities to acquaint the class, as well as transfer students, to the Hamilton campus and way of life.

Activities ranged from the active and entertaining, such as "PlayFair," advertised as "the most popular campus attraction in the history of new student orientation programs," to more serious talks and activities about diversity, sexual assault, and high-risk drinking behavior. "Our focus on alcohol is unique," said Jeff Landry, Director of Residential Life. He explained that the alcohol education portion of Orientation was completely redone for this year's class. In addition, he stated that the theatrical piece about sexual assault and ensuing discussion were very valuable though the topic is rarely brought up at other schools.

Student opinions about the week varied from activity to activity but were mostly positive. A member of the class of 2009 shared that she felt the orientation was effective at "getting [the students] acclimated to Hamilton. I don't know what else they could have done," she said.

The new points system of disciplinary actions received favorable reviews, with one student saying, "you know exactly where you stand." The people who welcomed the freshmen received high marks: one first-year said, "I think everyone's helpful [here at Hamilton]."

While students were learning about the college and the way it operates, a large team of faculty, staff, administrators, and upperclassmen were busy planning and running activities designed to introduce students to campus and shape their ideas about college life. The departments of Student Activities, Campus Safety, Residential Life, as well as the Physical Plant, and countless other groups worked throughout the week to ensure the comfort, safety, and education of new students.

Orientation Leaders (OLs) and Residential Advisers (RAs), both of whom are sophomores or older, were on hand throughout the week to answer questions, lead activities, and even help students move in to their rooms. The OLs and RAs arrived on campus nearly a week before orientation started. While RAs are assigned by residence location, OLs were assigned small groups of first-year students based on their interests and intended majors. OLs and RAs went through a great deal of training on subjects ranging from personality types, alcohol, and diversity to statistics about the incoming class. "Meeting new freshmen was a privilege," said Orientation Leader Nadine Amsel '08. "It was so much fun." Questions asked of Amsel by first-years ranged from the mundane ("Where is the Christian Johnson building?") to the very inquisitive ("Where are the parties on campus and will I get busted?"). "Having somebody who knows the ropes helps a lot," she said.

Hamilton College Campus Safety had a strong presence throughout Orientation Week. Patricia Ingalls, Director of Campus Safety, said that the week went smoothly for her department, thanks to the work of the Student Activities Office and upperclassmen who chose to come early to help out. "The OLs and RAs create an environment where parents are happy and students are happy," she said. "Lisa [Magnarelli] [Director of Student Activities] does a great job." She felt that the majority of students walk away from the activities of Orientation Week "understanding the expectations." Historically, though, when the remaining three-fourths of the students move in, the action increases for Campus Safety so much that it becomes one of their busiest times of the year. To keep up with the rising demand for their services, the department schedules more officers and other personnel on duty during this time. "We want to make sure that everyone is safe and nothing bad happens," Ingalls emphasized.

"The expectation [for new students] is to make good choices, try new things, and experience good things in a responsible way," said Landry. "Orientation went well this year [and] move-in day for first-years went without a hitch... [the Department of Residential Life had] virtually no complaints." He thanked the Physical Plant for having "all of the residence halls ready for the students to move in." According to Landry, this year Hamilton is at capacity for first-year student housing, making move-in day a bit busier and rendering room changes "nearly impossible."

Interestingly, not all students' first taste of being a freshman at Hamilton was during New Student Orientation. This fall marked the 21st year of the pre-orientation Adirondack Adventure program, or AA. Approximately 225, or about 45%, of the incoming freshmen opted to take part in AA. In addition, 13 members of the class chose to perform community service through the Urban Service Experience program, or USE. Those who chose to participate in either program arrived on campus a week earlier than the majority of their peers.

"It went very well. It was an excellent year," said Andrew Jillings, Director of the Adventure Programs at Hamilton. Jillings emphasized that Hamilton "can never replace Orientation with AA." Instead, the program is designed to complement Orientation Week and its activities. "The more we do [AA], the more we try to make it seamless," he said. "We try to make the transition as smooth as possible." Jillings added, "The actual skill of canoing isn't going to help you in college... [but] learning new skills [and] adapting to new situations... is exactly what college is about."

New to campus and orientation this year is a point system of sanctions for violations of the College Code of Conduct. The system has been introduced to new students on several different occasions. Ingalls of Campus Safety said, "I see it as a very positive program because it's very clear." As the point system focuses mainly on disciplinary action, Campus Safety's enforcement of the rules will "not [be] any different from how [it was done] in the past," according to Ingalls. The only exception is the college's crackdown on vandalism, a violation of which can now result in the offending student's separation from the institution or forced repayment of twice the damage amount, up to $1000 if the vandal turns him or herself in. Ingalls said that in the past, "[students were rarely] suspended unless the damage was astronomical." However, she is pleased that many first-year students have visited campus before, sometimes overnight, and that they come to campus with good intentions, knowing what it's all about."

Science research on the Hill this summer

by Ashley Stagner '09
FEATURES WRITER

This past summer at Hamilton was unlike many other summers experienced by other colleges; Hamilton is one of the few colleges that offer the opportunity for summer research, and this includes incoming freshman as well. With over a hundred participants for the program immersed in projects concentrating in biochemistry, biology, chemistry, computer science, geology, mathematics, neuroscience, physical chemistry, physics and psychology, this year was quite successful. Some of the projects worked on were; Substituent Effects on Enediyne Hydrogen Abstraction from Methanol and Methane (chemistry- by Tumelano Gopolang '08), Chemical Characterization of Lithic Artifact Source Material (geosciences- by Mary Beth Day '07), and Laser Spectroscopy of Rare Earth Phosphors in Sol-Gel Glass (physics- by Yubo Lu '07).

The program is open for everyone to apply, and the first step is to find the support of a faculty sponsor. Interested students should then decide on a single research project and an advisor. Students then fill out an application that is available at the Dean of the Faculty's Office or can be printed out on the Hamilton website.

For incoming freshman, the program is five weeks long, but for the rest of the participants it is ten weeks. Students earn a stipend of $350.00 a week but also must pay for room and board.

The summer grant support given is not only provided by Hamilton College itself, but also faculty members, the National Science Foundation, and the National Institute of Health. The Ralph E. Hansmann Science Student Support Fund, Sergei S. Zlinkoff Student Medical Research Fund, and The Merck/American Association for the Advancement of Science all give funding toward students working on research.

Greg Fullman, a freshman this year, worked with Professor Gordon Jones and Julia MacDougal in the physics department for five weeks. During that time they used uniform magnetic fields in a solenoid polarizing neutrons for analyzing structures of nonmagnetic materials. This research has been going on for several years, with Professor Jones leading it. One of Fullman's major accomplishments this summer was compiling a guidebook with MacDougal about putting together future solenoids in this area of research. "It was definitely the best summer I have ever had. It was a job I really enjoyed; both because of the surroundings, and it was an interesting area of study", says Fullman.

Similarly, Kosta Popovic '06 says that, "This place is really nice over the summer. The opportunity to work with a professor one on one and develop a student's independence. It really helped me with my senior thesis and future. I'm much more sure I'll be able to work independently and get satisfaction from it." Popovic has been participating in the summer research program all four years and on four different projects. He discovered the program through various meetings about possibilities for research at Hamilton.

No matter what year a student is in, they can participate in the program. For Yubo Lu '07, this was his first summer working in the organic chemistry lab making sol-gel glass samples with Professor Silversmith and Dan Kimball '08. They also took the laser spectroscopy of the sol-gel glass to figure out a way to make sol-gel glasses hydrophobic so that it has a stronger and more stable fluorescent spectrum.

The Summer Research Program at Hamilton is a wonderful opportunity to be involved. Past participants recommend it, and often repeat it every year. That statement alone should be enough to convince others of the benefits of surrendering five or ten weeks of their summer for research.

Do you know what's happening on Campus? Do you have what it takes to investigate campus affairs or contribute to weekly reviews? Maybe you just want a chance to share something of interest with the student body?

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E-mail Whitney Kimmel (wkimmel) for all the details.

Know the facts about Orientation Leaders

Weekly review of campus clubs and organizations

by Megan Kase '09
FEATURES WRITER

Hoards of freshmen arrived on Hamilton campus, lost and bewildered -- looking for some form of guidance. They were looking for someone who would give advice on adjusting to college life, someone who would be enthusiastic, someone wearing a red shirt. Luckily, freshmen did not need to look any further due to the presence of the Orientation Leader (OL) organization.

The Orientation Leader organization, which is comprised of approximately 50 students, aids new students in their adjustment to Hamilton by preparing a wide variety of activities, including discussion groups, lectures and programs during Orientation Week. This year's Orientation Week, which was themed Top Gun, featured lectures on alcohol and sexual assault, Big Prize Bingo and Open Mic Night. In addition to planning these activities, OL leaders break into small groups in order to assist the new students in finding their niche around campus.

Orientation Leaders are piloted by Orientation Coordinators (OC) Michael Blasie, Shauna Hirshfield and Brendan Lawrence and also work closely with Lisa Magnarelli '96, Director of Student Acitivities. In order to become an OL, students must complete an application and interview with the Orientation Coordinators. According to Melissa Kong '08, there is also a lot more to the job. "To be an OL, you have to be enthusiastic, excited to meet new people, open to having fun and being creative, wanting to make the transition for freshman as smooth as possible and must be willing to set a good example for what students at Hamilton are like," stated Kong.

Being an OL also means sacrificing a fraction of summer to train, which does have its advantages. "You get to enjoy Hamilton when it is relatively quiet and can sit on a bench or roll in the grass and just relax... You also get first dibs at which bed and what side of the closet you want," said Michael Blaise '06. The OCs arrived Aug. 14 to begin planning and were later accompanied by the OLs who joined them Aug. 17 for training. Training included intense information sessions about Student Life, a scavenger hunt and workshops on alcohol and sexual assault. "Training was pretty intense...we were trained by various faculty members, professors and Deans in how to properly lead group sessions, and they told us about various programs on campus that freshman might be interested in or have questions about," said Dave Sherman '07.

Being an OL requires its fair share of energy and dedication, which can take a toll. "You always have to be energized and give 100% from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and sometimes later. It can sometimes be exhausting, especially after a whole summer of relaxation and a few weeks before classes start," said Kong. Orientation Leaders often times have to sacrifice their dignity for the sake of the freshman. "It was not uncommon to see OLs starting the 'slow clap' at events, screaming, yelling, jumping up and down, making jokes, dancing, wearing crazy costumes, and anything else to energize a crowd," stated Blasie.

According to OLs, the experience is rewarding on many levels. For some, it can be a relief to become acquainted with the freshman before upperclassmen arrive. "Although everything is to new to freshman, and it seems as though the upperclassmen know everything they need to, it can sometimes be nerve-wracking or unsettling to have 500 new people on campus," said Kong. For others, it can be the new friendships formed. "Being an Orientation leader is about helping new friends (who you haven't met yet) become comfortable in this new place. It's all about the new friends and that's why I did it," said Dillon Prime '07.

The OLs were also able to get a fairly accurate impression of the class of 2009 after Orientation Week. The results? "In particular, the class of 2009 is absolutely outstanding; they are the most energetic and outgoing class I have ever seen," said Michael Blasie.

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AND MUCH MORE!

Where to eat: Hamilton's Sushi Bar

by Sam Gitlitz '08
FEATURES WRITER

Every time I see a tour in commons, most of the perspective students and their parents are in shock when they see our sushi bar. People don't expect a small liberal arts college in upstate New York to furnish its dining hall with a section dedicated to an upscale urban cuisine. A lot of people are put off by the sushi from remarks such as, "It's not fresh," or "It's not the same as at home." There are two problems with these statements. The first is that the sushi is fresh. We may not have the selection that specialty restaurants in New York, Boston, or D.C have; fish in the United States is almost always frozen as it is caught. Fishermen, in order to maximize their profit, freeze their catch in onboard sub-zero freezers. Otherwise, most of it would never make it to market. The bar at commons usually serves a few types of fish, mostly tuna, salmon and crab sticks. The tuna is definitely frozen even before it gets here; just look at the freezer trucks that deliver it. The salmon is smoked, and I know that quite a few of the students here are fans of lox and cream cheese; all one needs to do is exchange the bagels for rice and the cream cheese for soy sauce. Crab sticks are preserved, so they are about as fresh as they can be.

I find the sushi to be quite good, and I live about a mile away from the sushi bar that has won *The Best of Boston* for the past three years. I used to work there as well and learned about sushi in America. There are two types of Sushi here in the states, the first is Tokyo or *Edo* style sushi. Anyone who lives in a metropolitan city and pays upwards of $60 a plate eats this type of sushi. *Edo* sushi is more complex, relying on the freshness of the ingredients' complexity of the flavors. In this style, the balance of the fish, rice, and soy sauce is pivotal to great sushi, and chefs train for ten years to become masters. The other type of sushi is called either American or Californian sushi. Surprisingly enough, this is where the California roll comes from. American sushi chefs are generally considered able after three months of intensive training. American sushi chefs typically care more about texture and the symphony of flavors, as opposed to the individual flavor. American sushi relies upon more sauces (think miso, mayonnaise, or eel sauce) than its Japanese counterpart does, but both are equally enjoyable on their own.

Here on the Hill, we have surprisingly good American style sushi. My personal favorite is a tuna and avocado inside out roll with sesame seeds. The texture of the tuna and the avocado blends nicely. The sesame seeds add a flavor that is unique and lasting. Here's an experiment for those of you who think that the sesame seeds do not impart that much flavor; get one roll with them and one without, and you will be surprised at how much of a difference there is. If you don't like, or for some reason still don't trust the tuna, then I would go with an avocado roll. Personally I don't like cucumber, carrots, or peppers in my sushi because I don't like the crunchiness of the ingredients; if you do like crunchy vegetables I would go with a cucumber roll.

The great thing about sushi at Hamilton as opposed to a restaurant is that you can have them make whatever you want them to, without discouraging looks from the man behind the bar. Take advantage of what we have, and go to town on the sushi, because it's the only sushi bar for quite some ways.

This week in Hamilton History

25 States, 12 Countries Represented in First Coeducational Class
September 8, 1978

In all, Hamilton admissions recieved 2,377 applications for admission (1,054 men, 873 women), a figure which is 22 percent greater than the number of applications recieved for the Hamilton and Kirkland Classes of 1981.

With the inclusion of women, the Class of 1982 -- boasting 477 members -- is the largest class in Hamilton's history. Accordng to Dean of Admissions Christopher Covert, the class has a 2/1 ratio of men to women, which falls short of the administration's hope of maintaining the campus current 60/40 men to women ratio.

Among the foreign countries represented by freshmen are Cyprus, Lebanon, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, France, Greece, Switzerland, Japan, Hong-Kong, Columbia and Bermuda.

27 first-years living in former DKE House
September 1, 1995

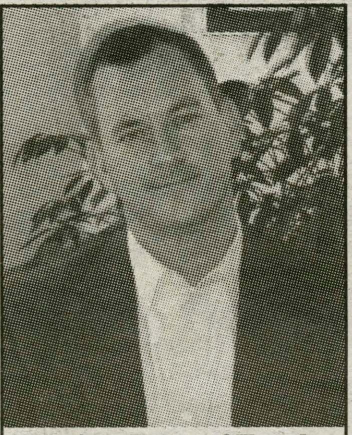
Faced with a potential housing crunch created by an unexpectedly large first year class, the College was forced to negotiate a last minute lease of the Delta Kappa Epsilon house. Following several days of repair work, 27 first year students moved into the temporary residence hall facility.

Director of Residential Life Rebecca Reed Kantrowitz said that the College negotiated a one year lease agreement with the DKE fraternity only five days before members of the first year class arrived for orientation. The fraternity was banned from using their house following the release of The Report of the Committee on Residential Life last March.

Because repairs and renovations of the DKE house were carried out on short notice, students assigned to live there had to spend their first days of orientation living in the guest rooms of Bristol Campus Center.

Professor Profile: Kirk Pillow

Associate Dean of Faculty and Professor of Philosophy



Associate Dean of Faculty
Kirk Pillow

by Whitney Kimmel '08
FEATURES EDITOR

Birthday: June 2nd

Hobbies:

He enjoys collecting pieces of design work from the 1950s and 60s. He has a strong appreciation for art and travels frequently to visit art exhibits and galleries. Until recently, when the show was cancelled, he also indulged in the HBO series *Six Feet Under.*

Why You Know Him:

Most students are more familiar calling him Professor Pillow. Until recently, he served solely as an Associate Professor of Philosophy. Although he currently is not teaching classes due to his new administrative appointment, he hopes that he will have the opportunity to teach again either this spring or next year at the latest. He has been at Hamilton since 1996; he began teaching adjunct courses, moving through the gamut from visiting to assistant and finally tenured, associate professor. It is no secret that students and faculty greatly admire Dean -- Professor -- Pillow. In 2002, he received Class of 1963 Excellence in Teaching Award, a distinction honoring his passion for and commitment to teaching.

What He Does on Campus:

Presently, he holds the position of Associate Dean of Faculty. As such, he participates in faculty and administrative hiring, helps organize faculty research and travel as well as coordinating summer collaborations between students and faculty. He says he "[enjoys] getting to work closely with faculty to support their research and classroom interests." He noted that since he has always, "wondered if [he] would want an administrative job and now has had the opportunity to take it," he couldn't be more pleased with his present position.

However, he does "miss the direct contact with students" and expressed the bittersweetness of watching his former students graduate without new ones to take their places.

You may have even seen his name in print. Pillow wrote *Sublime Understanding: Aesthetic Reflection in Kant and Hegel* -- as well as printing numerous articles for philosophical and art-oriented digests .

Ancient History:

In high school, Dean Pillow had "a physics teacher who brought little bits of philosophy writing into class." From then on, he was hooked. When he went to college he decided to double major in physics and philosophy, but after a few physics courses, he changed his mind and settled into philosophy. He specialized in German philosophy where he had the opportunity to delve into the works of Hegel and Kant.

He decided that he wanted to pursue academia as a profession late in his college career. Once he graduated, he jumped immediately into graduate school and feels that "while this showed [his] ambition, [he] wishes he would have taken time off" before continuing on.

He spent one year at St. Lawrence College before joining the Hamilton faculty in 1996. He loves philosophy - especially the philosophy of art and finds that teaching it raises "so many interesting questions and [loves] to interact with curious young people.

Future Plans:

Although he misses his students, he sincerely enjoys his new position. He still has two more years to serve at his present position but is unsure of what will come next. He has "not planned beyond this present appointment" but is open to options. He hopes to teach again, although he is unsure of what or when that will be. He will most likely return to teach a "Philosophy of Art" course, which are his favorite because of the "mix of students from different departments that enroll in the course." He feels teaching the philosophy of art is a challenge due to its broad range of interest and topics. Be on the lookout for his next class!

> ***"I miss the direct contact with students. It's the students that I miss more than active teaching itself."***

Favorite Philosopher:

Pillow answered, "This is a tough question. With my training in German philosophy -- Kant and Hegel. But no one really wants to say Kant since his writings are so dry. Yes, lets go with Hegel."

Advice for Students:

When asked if there was one thing that he could say to his students or advise the general college community on, he replied in two ways; "I would tell the students to use their brains far more than even their professors expect them to do," and after a moment of pause he added "and to make an effort to get to know their professors." He explained that students want to have a relationship with their professors but due to the differences in power and/or age, they sometimes refrain, hoping that the professor will make the first move. He affirmed that such an action can go both ways and that "if they make an effort they'll get a good response, which can form into a relationship -- a friendship -- that will last in the future."

Dean Pillow spoke candidly about his fondness for faculty and students alike -- regardless of what his future brings, we can be certain that he will make an active contribution to the quality of the Hamilton community.

Weekly Events: Where you want to be

Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.
Lunch-Time Bible Study (12:00-12:50)	Mak a Difference Day (10:00-6:00)	US Open - SOLD OUT (11:00)	President Stewart's Open Hour (1:30)	Newman Mass (12:00)	Men's Soccer v. SUNY I.T. AWAY (4:00)	Newman Mass (12:00)
Last day to add courses (2:00)	Anime Club Meeting (2:00)	Newman Mass (12:00)	Cheerleading Tryouts (8:00)	Men's Golf v. SUNY I.T. AWAY (2:00)	Women's Field Hockey v. Utica Col. HOME (7:00)	Closing Reception for Photos in Emerson Gallery (3:00)
US Open - SOLD OUT (7:00)	Comedian James Smith (8:00-12:00)	George Silk & Georgiana Silk K'72: Father and Daughter Photographers (1:00-5:00)	HEAG Meeting (9:15)	CACC Meeting (3:00)		Lecture by Dr. I. James McMullen: Sacrifices to Confucius in Edo Japan (8:00)
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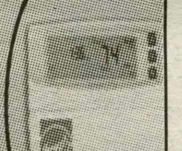
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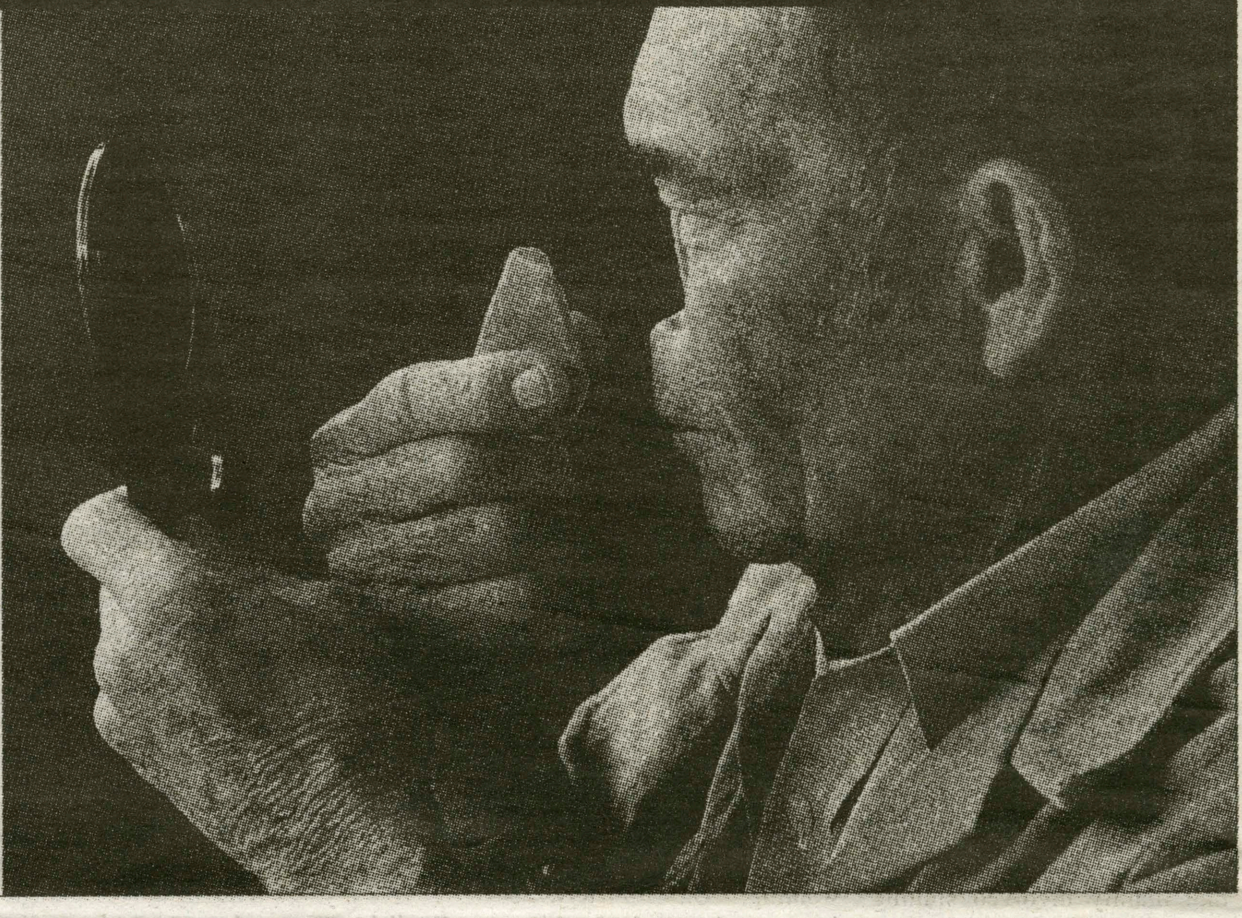

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How do you say "I love you" in New Jersey? Warped Tour '05 rocks Englishtown, NJ

by Nicole Dietsche '09
Arts & Entertainment Writer

What more can a punk/emo kid ask for than an entire day outside, standing in a parking lot in the blistering heat, waiting? Honestly, nothing.

As a representative of aforementioned "punk/emo kid," I can speak from experience that standing in a hot parking lot for half a day in 90 plus degree weather with about five hundred of my comrades was the best day of my life. Very little beats out a day at Warped Tour.

August 14, Englishtown Raceway, New Jersey, 8:30 a.m. After months of careful planning (July 14: "Did you buy the tickets yet?" "No, which one are we going to go to? Randalls or Englishtown?" "I don't know. When's the concert?") I was sitting in the backseat of my cousin Joey's car, next to my cousin Christine. In the front seat was Joey's girlfriend, Ashley, and we were just starting our hour-and-a-half long excursion to Englishtown.

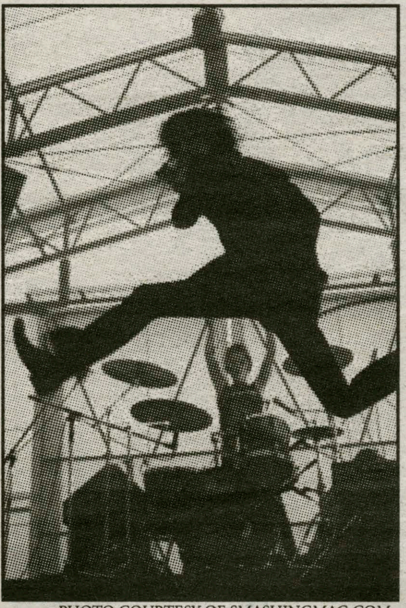
Basically, it was pretty much one of the most uneventful rides that mainly involved singing along with the radio and pointing out other people who were most likely headed for the same destination as we were ("Look at that sixty year old couple! They are definitely going to Warped Tour!"). I must say, you never realize how exciting it is to receive a text message from someone sitting literally two feet away from you ("That was like two cents, dammit! You're sitting right next to me!"). As we got closer to the exit off whatever road we were driving on (some major New Jersey high/parkway that I'm sure had a name, but I really didn't care much) we noticed a lot more people who were going to the concert; mainly a van of kids in front of us who all looked like they were about twelve. Of course, the kids in this van also noticed us and tried desperately to get our attention.

As one kid made little finger letters "W" and "T" one right next to him used the somewhat more effective method of pressing his ticket up against the back window. Now that we were all on the same page, the first kid decided he was going to flash us and start playing with his nipple. Ah, Nipple Boy, we will never forget you.

When we finally got to our exit, we had the absolute pleasure of sitting in traffic! How exciting it was. We were less than two miles away from the concert site and kids all around us were ditching their cars and walking. Unfortunately, Joey is extremely attached to his car, so Christine and I would just wave at everyone that walked by. Eventually, we got bored (actually, while sitting in traffic, it doesn't take that long to get bored.) and started listening to Dane Cook. Loudly. With all of the windows rolled down.

After about five minutes, we were entertaining the two cars in front and behind us, as well as all the kids walking past us who would pump a fist and yell "Dane Cook rocks!" The joys of keeping people entertained.

At one point I jumped out of the car to run through the sprinklers on someone's front lawn. Thank you random New Jersey resident!



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An enthusiastic band performs at Warped Tour '05

Finally, we actually got to Englishtown... and got to wait on another line to get in. After being sufficiently groped to ensure that we weren't carrying any sort of explosive device or, cough cough, illegal substances, I was at Warped Tour.

My cousin Christine and I immediately ran over to Bishop Stage to see Fall Out Boy (the band with the video where the guy has antlers, in case you didn't know). After hearing "Sugar, We're Going Down Swinging," and "Dance, Dance," seeing bassist Peter Wentz spin around in tight circles with his guitar (amazingly without getting dizzy and falling over, as I would have done), and becoming slightly overwhelmed by the humid heat and smell of sweat, we all headed over to Mike Stage (I must say, a little odd how they named it "Mike." What about "Bob" or "Paul" or "Charles?") to see MxPx. Unfortunately, Ashley passed out from the heat. As my cousins and I desperately tried to get a security guard's attention over the music, I flung my empty water bottle at one of them and, surprisingly, hit him in the head.

So let's just say, throwing plastic projectiles at large, muscular men is not a good idea for 5'2" girls to be doing. He turned around with this angry look on his face and I managed to get the point across to him that we had a medical problem (it was very frustrating since he spent most of his time staring at me with a stupid expression on his face) and they brought Ashley to the medical trailer. She eventually recouped, and we spent the rest of the day taking turns buying rounds of drinks and sticking ice down our shirts to keep cool.

We then wandered back over to Mike Stage (after buying quite a lot of stuff from the merch tables and taking pictures of a random guy who was handing out myspace pins) and watched Millencolin for a while and then headed back to Bishop Stage to see the headliners, and probably my favorite band, My Chemical Romance.

My Chemical Romance, from New Jersey, in case you didn't know, is a goth/punk 5 member band consisting of the Way brothers (Gerard, vocals, and Mikey, bass), Frank Iero (rhythm guitar), Ray Toro (guitar) and Bob Bryar (drums), who hit it big with their sophomore album, "Three Cheers for Sweet Revenge" and singles "I'm Not Okay (I Promise)" and "Helena," which happens to be about the death of frontman Gerard Way's grandmother.

MCR played an incredible set (if I must say so myself) performing (besides their two singles) "You Know What They Do to Guys Like Us in Prison," "Cemetery Drive" as well as songs off their first album, such as, "I Brought You My Bullets, You Brought Me Your Love."

All in all, it was an incredible day, despite the sunburn. Even though we didn't stick around to see any of the bands that were playing at 8 o'clock at night, such as Hawthorne Heights or Motion City Soundtrack (a little mad about that), it was still amazing.

Plans for Warped Tour '06: camping out in the parking lot; sneaking onto a tour bus/ backstage; and body surfing (which I have yet to try).

TV reviews: "Stella" is comedy in suits!

by Tom Lewek '09
Arts & Entertainment Writer

"Dumb comedy dressed in suits." There is certainly no better description for Comedy Central's show "Stella." From the minds that created "Wet Hot American Summer" comes a television show that is equally nonsensical, idiotic, and ridiculous. And yet, "Stella" cannot be more addicting and enthralling.

Formed as an alternative comedy group in 1997, Stella is comprised of David Wain (the creator of "Wet Hot American Summer"), Michael Showalter (the downbeat protagonist of the film), and Michael Ian Black (of "I Love the 80s" fame).

After performing for seven years at the comedy club Fez in New York's Greenwich Village and receiving praise from publications such as The New Yorker-it really is difficult to imagine a critic from The New Yorker praising such a show-the group finally landed a show on Comedy Central earlier this summer. Essentially, the show is about the adventures of three unemployed roommates who cavort around the city creating bizarre situations.

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Comedy Central's new hit TV program, "Stella," is aptly described as "dumb comedy dressed in suits"

At first glance the show seems inconsistent, outlandish, immature, and often meaningless. All of these adjectives are apt descriptions of the show but once the viewer learns to look past them he or she discovers the comedic genius of "Stella."

You have to just forget about the idiocy of the show and enjoy the comedy, or you will not be able to get past how stupid the series is. For instance, in the second episode, when Michael Ian Black runs for president of the residency board and David Wain assassinates him from an air ventilation shaft, the plot twists to reveal that Michael Ian Black created a duplicate robot of himself-pretty unfeasible but entirely entertaining for sure.

In another episode the roommates crash their neighbor's work party, where two executives insult them, and subsequently sport fake mustaches, crash the company's picnic in an antique car, become executives themselves, and end up being fired.

I would love to reminisce about other stellar "Stella" moments but it is a show that you just have to watch-trust me, reliving and recreating the stories does no justice to the original. You cannot explain the show, you just have to watch it.

All three of the actors are great performers, relying on their wit, sarcasm, and innate abilities to be convincingly immature. David Wain plays the odd man out, Michael Showalter plays the all too sensitive roommate that does funny voices, and Michael Ian Black is...well Michael Ian Black is Michael Ian Black, suffice to say.

In an age of excruciatingly horrid situation comedy (with the exception of "Arrested Development") a quirky and idiosyncratic show like "Stella" is a welcome respite from the predictable, awkward situations and sexual innuendos of the normal sitcom. If you need a break from studying, or being too serious for that matter, "Stella" is a fantastic stupid comedy that actually has depth.

Have you ever watched a movie? Think you have what it takes to write about one?

E-mail kjurras... and write for A & E!

Coen Brothers score points with *Raising Arizona*

by Leighton Smith '09
Arts & Entertainment Writer

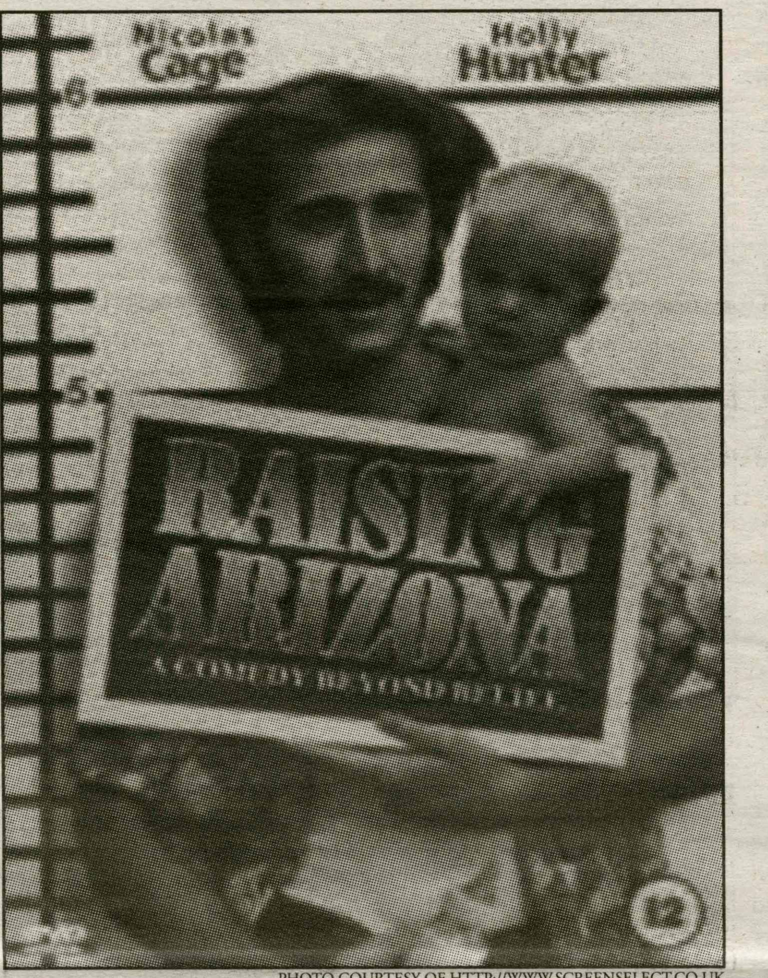
I didn't see any really good movies this summer (or at least any that I would want to review). But in case that's what you came looking for, I'll make it short. *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*: Johnny Depp didn't even sing. The original was better. *War of the Worlds*: Tom Cruise surviving an alien invasion? You know he would have tried to turn those ETs into scientologists, and they would have blown him away. And yes, the original was better. *Four Brothers*: Maybe if Wahlberg had sang a little...but no, I have to say nay.

Now that that's over, let's begin. My hope here is to expose a few movies that may have slipped through the cracks. There are obviously many, so hopefully I'll keep this up for a little while. The first movie I want to put out there is *Raising Arizona*. It was released in 1987 by Joel and Ethan Coen two years after their first film, *Blood Simple*. Like so many of the Coen Brothers' movies, this one is unique from the other genres they have tackled.

Raising Arizona is a screwball comedy that varies greatly from their dark comedy/drama Fargo, their full-fledged art house picture Barton Fink, and their brilliant tour de force, *The Big Lebowski*. One of the only similarities between all of their movies is the trademark reuse of such actors as John Goodman, Holly Hunter and Frances McDormand (among others), all of whom have appeared in at least three Coen Brothers' movies and all of whom appear in *Raising Arizona*.

The premise for *Raising Arizona* is simple. Nicolas Cage plays a repeat offender in Arizona named H.I. McDonnough who never spends more than a few months in jail. (His crime of choice is robbing stores, but he never uses live ammunition.) During his several visits to the big house, he enters into an odd relationship with a mug shot photographer named Ed (short for Edwina).

In one of the film's many funny moments, H.I. has been released and proposes to Ed as she is photographing another convict. As he does this, he interrupts his proposal to say hello to the other con, an apparent acquaintance of his.



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After their marriage, the couple receives some bad news: despite their hopes of starting a family, Ed does not possess the ability to bear children. As Cage's narration of the movie goes, "The doctor explained that her insides were a rocky place, where my seed could find no purchase."

Coincidentally, another Arizona family has just given birth to quintuplets. H.I. and Ed concoct a scheme in which they will kidnap one of the children. Up until this point in the movie, Cage has been narrating the story as it unfolds. In the background, the title song of the movie - composed by Carter Burwell - played lightly. Now, the opening credits run, and the song becomes much louder as we watch an Arizona sunset.

Despite the movie's fairly basic plot, we are constantly being barraged with examples of the Coen Brothers' flair. With kidnapped child in hand, shenanigans abound as H.I. struggles to keep the baby. Obstacles include a bounty hunter going after the baby, two escaped convicts coming back into H.I.'s life, and H.I.'s insatiable appetite for petty crime. The latter results in one of the greatest chase scenes in cinematic history.

In the end, H.I. and Ed decide to give the child back. Moreover, they seem to come to an agreement that they are not all that well suited for each other. Despite this sentiment, the final sequence suggests otherwise.

As H.I. is asleep and dreaming, we glimpse into the future to see the life of an old couple, presumably he and Ed. There is no dialogue, simply Cage's narration, which takes the movie from being a lighthearted comedy with little depth to one with considerably more depth than we would realize at first viewing, leaving us with a sense of hope for what the future might hold.

The movie draws from numerous sources and shows influences from a variety of other filmmakers. Those familiar with the Sam Raimi *Evil Dead* trilogy will recognize some of the camera techniques, namely the "Raimi Rush." (The Coen brothers are long-time friends of Raimi's, and Joel Coen helped to edit *Evil Dead*.)

Like many of their films, *Raising Arizona* focuses on a specific region of America. Native Arizonians might be turned off by the somewhat debasing - though quite funny - manner in which some of the characters are portrayed. However, the characters in question are generally over-exaggerated stereotypes and this is, after all, a comedy.

Raising Arizona is certainly not the Coen Brothers' best movie, nor their funniest. It is, however, not as well-known as some of their other films, due to the fact that the brothers were relatively unknown at the time of its release. It has since gained cult status, much like some of their other lesser-known works.

After the release of *The Big Lebowski* in 1999, Coen Brothers movies have routinely been widely-released and well-received at the box office. Evidence of this are their most recent hits *O Brother, Where Art Thou?* (2000), *Intolerable Cruelty* (2003) and *The Ladykillers* (2004).

For those interested in sampling The Coen Brothers' body of work, I recommend their movies in the preceding order. The top five is as follows: 1. *The Big Lebowski*, 2. *Fargo*, 3. *Raising Arizona*, 4. *O Brother, Where Art Thou?*, 5. *The Hudsucker Proxy*.

Look at college life from a new perspective in *Binge: What Your College Student Won't Tell You*

by Niels Lesniewski '07
Arts & Entertainment Writer

My first word this year brings the readers of the Hamilton College Spectator a fascinating book. I would call this a book review, save for the fact that I don't lay out a well-articulated critique; it's much more of an unsolicited infomercial for a volume that is the best I've ever read on the subject of college life. The book, by Hamilton alum and College Trustee Barrett Seaman '67, is entitled *Binge: What Your College Student Won't Tell You*. Now sure, worded that way you might think this is a book for parents. In some senses it is, but for anyone interested in the way a relative outsider candidly views the system, I recommend it.

In this clear and easy-reading 310 page volume (Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons), Mr. Seaman looked at conditions by living on the campuses of twelve separate institutions of higher education. The selection included eleven of the highest regarded institutions in the United States, and McGill University, the prestigious school in Montreal.

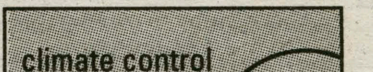
One of the schools, with a particularly high number of anecdotes, is Hamilton College, of course. I cite, as an example, the beginning of chapter five, on pages 107-109 of the book. In this particular story, Mr. Seaman was in the midst of what anyone involved with the Division of Student Life would popularly call a "ride-along" with Wayne Gentile of Campus Safety. On that night, a first year female overdosed within the confines of the North residence hall. My guess on the time line is that this came back before the North renovations and the subsequent substance-free period, as Seaman calls Gentile the "senior uniformed safety officer." In fact, he hasn't worn a uniform for a few years now.

The next pages discuss the data on hospitalization for alcohol-related overdoses and bring to light the popularity of "power-hour" and "pre-gaming." If you don't yet know what those terms mean, I would suggest that eventually you will.

So, it's somewhat instructive to at least see what a reporter from another world and another time sees in the current situation. Clearly, the reader comes away thinking that students need to moderate their behavior, but Seaman has pinned quite a bit of blame on the government, of all places. His experience at McGill, obvious as it was to me, showed him that when the legal age for alcohol matches that age when college students first arrive on campuses, the problems of excessive consumption and violent behavior are significantly diminished. So, if you think the drinking age in New York should come back down to its level in the 1970s, Mr. Seaman has some stuff for you too.

One last point, the one that might get this writer in trouble for the week; as I was preparing this column I looked at the Amazon reviews just to see if I lived too close to the anecdotes to analyze the properly. What did I find out? Well, using reverse logic I deducted that I am indeed too connected to be "fair and balanced," as Fox would say. You see, I agreed most with the review written by a college student from New London, Connecticut. The Amazon-verified real name for the user is "N.Paris," who "was brought up on a college campus and now attend[s] a liberal arts college." Now, if its only a coincidence that New London, mere miles west of my house, happens to be home to Connecticut College, where some person by the name of Paris attends school that is related to some other person named Paris, presumably featured elsewhere in this paper because of an announcement he made this summer, then I have been snookered entirely.

Otherwise, read the book, in spite of (or perhaps, because of) the biases that anyone reading this newspaper and I share.



Science & Technology

A natural killer: Hurricane Katrina

By Yuqi Mao '09
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY WRITER

Hurricane Katrina trampled across the southern coastlines of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama on Monday, leaving behind mountains of debris. The total number of deaths casued by the hurricane is still uncertain, but many fear that it might be in the thousands. If this estimate were true, then Hurricane Katrina has taken more lives than any other natural disaster since the 1906 San Francisco earthquake, according to Guardian Unlimited.

A high death toll may be a result of "hurricane fatigue," Jay Reeves of the Los Angeles Times noted. Masses fled from warnings about hurricanes Ivan and Dennis in the recent past, but these two did almost no damage. People were sick of hearing about the potential dangers of hurricanes, which seem to have done almost nothing in comparison to the extreme warnings. After fleeing their own homes twice and spending so much money traveling, most people would probably take more risks than usual. Unfortunately, just when everyone thought that it would simply land and disappear, Katrina annihilated almost everything in its path.

In addition to the enormous death toll, Hurricane Katrina caused many other problems for the three states. Katrina disrupted oil supplies by damaging several refineries along the coastal regions. As a result, in many places prices of gasoline shot up by 30 cents per gallon over night.

The New Orleans Superdome football stadium has been packed with refugees. Voice of America indicates that 23,000 are being driven 350 miles to Houston's Astrodome, which will be able to hold the refugees until December.

According to USA Today, more than 80% of New Orleans is currently under water, and two broken levees continue to let in more and more water. The fact that the city is below sea level makes attempts to repair damages extremely difficult. So far, all efforts to repair the levees have failed.

USA Today points out another unexpected blow to New Orleans, which is a city based around tourism. In the past year, as stated in USA Today, the city drew more than 10 million visitors and created 80,000 tourism-related jobs. Now, the hotspots for tourism are mostly underwater. This industry, around which the city revolves, may take a very long time to recover.

An estimated 25 billion dollars in insured losses have been attributed to Hurricane Katrina.This total will make it the "most expensive national disaster in U.S. history," as Barry Newhouse of Voice of America said.

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New Orleans, after Katrina hit the area

Welcome back, Geek of the Week

Yes, we're back- and dorkier than ever...if that's possible.

By Lindsay A. Rubenstein '07
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY WRITER

Geek of the Week is a weekly column (no, really?) that honors a select group of only the most dedicated science geeks. These are the people you see in the science building at midnight on Saturdays (of course, if you're there you know what its all about), carrying around 200 lb textbooks at all times, and counting down the days until "it" opens. It's about time we recognize them for their dedication to molecules, protein synthesis, the central nervous system, and of course, the speed of light. With that said, I am pleased to introduce you to our first geek of the 2005-2006 Academic Year.

Name: Jamie Benway

Class year: 2006

Concentration: Neuroscience

Why Jamie deserves to be Geek of the Week: She knows where your cerebral peduncle is... enough said.

Her favorite neurotransmitter: Octopamine, of course, because she is going to spend the next year trying to identify it in Drosophila.

When she's not performing brain surgery on rats you will most likely find her: Performing brain surgery on crayfish.

What her friends think: "Just because Jamie is a science major doesn't mean she's a geek. I mean, last weekend we watched medical shows on the discovery channel and it was *really* fun." - Kate Jurras

Favorite color: What color is brain?

She's probably never going to speak to her friends again for publishing: "Guys turn the lights back on, I can't see my calculator screen!" - Jamie Benway (8/28/05)

Favorite experimentors: Hubel and Wiesel...visual development is the BEST!

Where she'll be in 10 years: Probably saving your life.

PHOTO BY EVELYN SHAPIRO '06

Jamie Benway, Geek Extraordinaire. Enjoys long walks on the beach, eyeball cookies, and ballet. No, seriously. She has really cool friends too.

Can Repliee fool you? First female android introduced

By Lindsay A. Rubenstein '07
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY WRITER

Do you find this woman attractive? Is she at least mildly good looking? Well, don't get too excited. Repliee, whose full name is Repliee Q1Expo isn't a woman. No, she's not a man either...she's an android.

According to Netscape.com, Repliee holds the prestigious title of being the first female android. Her "skin", which is made out of silicone instead of plastic or metal, appears lifelike, and the robot can feign biological processes such as blinking and breathing. Through the use of motion sensors and motor power, Repliee can move and even interact with others.

Although Repliee's picture can usually fool people for a short period of time (less than ten seconds), it has been suggested that, placed in specific environments, androids might be able to pass as human for an estimated ten minutes! Repliee's inventor, Hiroshi Ishiguro of Osaka University, noted that even knowledgeable people completely forget that Repliee is an android during their interactions with her. Although Ishiguro finds this "very satisfying" he is the first to admit that there is obviously "a long way to go yet" in the field of android development.

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Hiroshi Ishiguro's Repliee Q1Expo

According to PhysOrg.com, Ishiguru reported to the BBC that it is possible that a future android might truly be able to accurately mimic human appearance and mannerisms. Reports also suggest that future research and exposure will make robots common commodities. Although they are costly and rare now, someday androids like Repliee might be as available and inexpensive as a personal computer.

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Science Center

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In the Geoscience's microscope room, they will be able to project images right from the microscope. In the Biology department's imaging suite, the electron microscopes will be projected on a flat screen LCD monitor that passersby will be able to view through the windows in the suite as they walk down the hallway.

"The center will also feature three tiered rooms," Professor Weldon stated. There will be two on the ground floor. One, a 125 seat auditorium, and the other, a 45 seat room, with a dock for making presentations and demonstrations easier. The third tiered classroom is located on the third floor. This room seats 55 students and is specially designed for psychology courses. The chairs all swivel and are placed in rows to better facilitate discussion. Discussion groups can be made quickly by the students turning their chairs towards each other and then turning back towards the front when they are done.

"There is also a 20 computer station general classroom similar to the basement of Burke Library, which will be available after hours and have Macintosh computers," Weldon explained.

An extension of Café Opus will also be opening in the new center's atrium. There will be a kitchen, with a window opening, at the south side of the building.

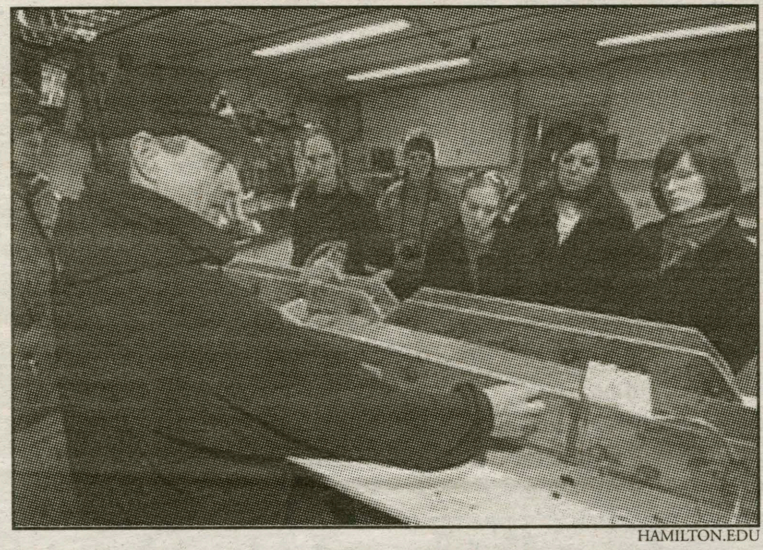
After the building is completed there will be an official ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, September 30th at 5:30. This will be part of the three day event, A Celebration of Science, which will feature lectures, debates and tours of the new facility.

Professor Eugene Domack publishes groundbreaking Antarctic research

Laura D. Trubiano '07
Science & Technology Editor

It was an important summer for the sciences at Hamilton. In addition to all of the summer research projects and the final weeks of the science building construction, one of our faculty members was the leader in a scientific discovery that drew media attention from across the world: Professor of Geosciences Eugene Domack was the lead author on a paper detailing the discovery of a vast ecosystem beneath the collapsed Larsen-B ice shelf in Antarctica. This paper, published on July 19 in Eos (the weekly newspaper of the American Geophysical Union), was followed only a few weeks later by a paper by Domack in the journal Nature announcing findings that the Antarctic Peninsula is undergoing greater warming than almost anywhere on Earth, which could be a result of human-induced greenhouse effects.

The new ecosystem, which contained bacteria mats and mollusks, was discovered on the annual Antarctica trip this past spring when Domack and his team reviewed underwater video of the northwestern Weddell Sea following the collapse of the Larsen B ice shelf in 2002. Domack was accompanied by a group of Hamilton students and professors from five other institutions to study the ice shelf breakup and the area uncovered by it. Since 1987, Domack has taken more than 100 Hamilton students on this trip.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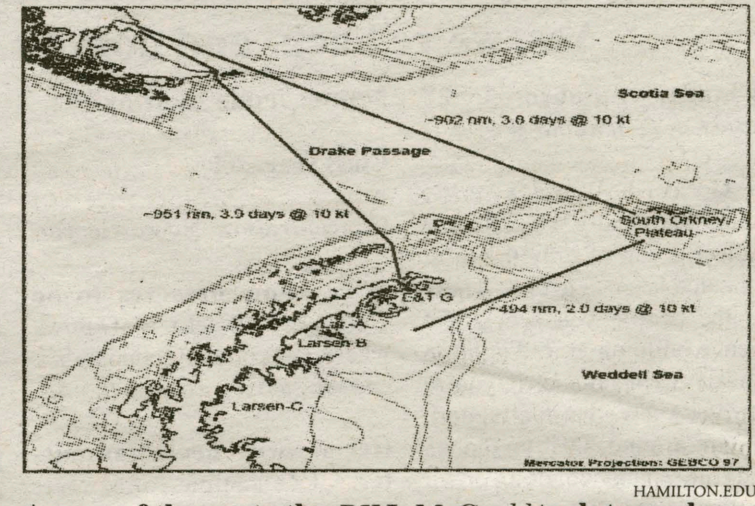
Professor Domack talks to students on board the *RV L.M. Gould* on the 2005 Antactica trip

"This is definately the biggest thing I've ever been involved with in the Antarctic," said Domack of the ecosystem discovery, "Seeing these organisms on the ocean bottom-it's like lifting the carpet off a floor and finding a layer you never knew was there." The discovery will allow scientists to further explore life in extreme environments; the ecosystem is sunless, which means it is fed by chemical energy from within the Earth. In an article in the Washington Post, Domack said this new discovery "could take us a step further to understanding life where there's no photosynthesis."

Domack's second discovery was published in the August 4 issue of Nature. According to the article, the collapse of the Larsen B ice shelf (an area of approximately the size of Rhode Island) in 2002 is unprecedented during the past 10,000 years.

"Our work contributes to the understanding of these changes-where they are occurring first and with greatest magnitude and impact upon the environment," said Domack, the lead scientist of a multi-institutional, international effort that combines a variety of disciplines in examining the response of the Antarctic Peninsula to modern warming. The article attributed the collapse of the Larsen B ice shelf to the effects of climate warming in the Antarctic Peninsula, which is more pronounced in this region than anywhere else in the world.

News of Domack's discoveries was published in many national and international newspapers, including the Washington Post, The Associated Press, The Independent, and The New Zealand Herald. He was also interviewed on July 19 on NPR's "All Things Considered" about the ecosystem discovery.



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A map of the route the *RV L.M. Gould* took to explore the Larsen-B area

Over sixty students participate in summer science research supported by Hamilton

Over 60 science students spent the summer working on campus or in the field doing research. Summer research offers science students a unique opportunity to work side by side with faculy members on their own research interests. This year, students worked on projects in Biology, Chemistry, Neuroscience, Psychology, Physics and the Geosciences. Summer research projects culminate in the production of a poster which will be displayed at the poster sessions during the Science Building Dedication weekend.

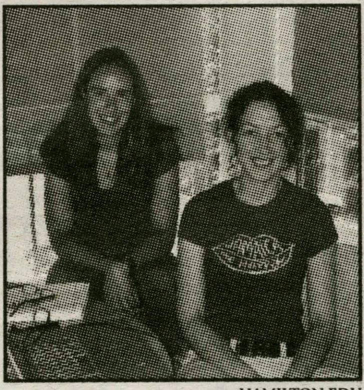
Below are several selected summaries of 2005 science research projects. These and other summer research summaries can be found at http://www.hamilton.edu/news/exp/summer2005/index.html.

Chemistry: Kat Lexa and Amanda Salisburg
by Emily Lemanczyk '05

Kat Lexa '05 (Santa Rosa, Calif.), a veteran summer science researcher, is teaming up with rising sophomore Amanda Salisburg '08 (Duanesburg, N.Y.) to conduct alpha-fetoprotein research this summer under the advisement of Winslow Professor of Chemistry George Shields and Visiting Assistant Professor of Chemistry Karl Kirschner.

Alpha-fetoprotein (AFP) is a naturally occurring protein made up of eight amino acids produced by a fetus. It can be found in the blood of pregnant mothers. It is also found in newborn babies until they are about one year old; after this time, the protein is no longer produced or prevalent in the system. Since the protein is not normally present in adults, the prevalence of the protein usually indicates health issues such as liver disorders and cancer. Salisburg and Lexa will be working to try to find the lowest energy conformation of Alpha-fetoprotein in order to make a pharmacore that can be used to treat and prevent breast cancer using computational chemistry programs. The ultimate goal of the research is designing a new anti-cancer drug.

The project began five years ago with the work of Assistant Professor of Biology Stephen Festin. Collaborating with a researcher at Albany Medical College, Festin had begun work geared toward isolating what AFP targets within the body and what it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Amanda Salisburg and Kat Lexa

binds to in order to shut down the development of cancer. Shields said he thought it would be a good complement to that work to study AFP itself, in order to create a "mirror-image of the peptide side," allowing for a better model of the low-energy bond formed between AFP and its receptor. The first student to work on the project was Sam Bono '00, who made it his senior thesis. Other students who have contributed to the project include Jennifer Derby '01, Lorena Hernandez '03, and Damien Ellens '03. Last summer, Lexa '05 worked with Heather Michael '07 and Meghan Dunn '06 to continue the research project. Lexa also continued the subject for her senior thesis.

Although Lexa has been researching the subject for some time, there are still difficulties that come with the research. "The largest difficulty with my research is that virtually nothing is known about first the molecule I am studying, not its structure, not its receptor site, not where in the cellular system it is able to inhibit breast cancer," Lexa explains. Salisburg agrees that sometimes research can be tricky: "It's research, problems happen," she states simply.

Both are enjoying their summer at Hamilton. For Salisburg, a possible chemistry major, it gives her time to learn more about her discipline. For Lexa, she gets to continue researching cancer, a subject she has been interested in since high school biology. Lexa, a recent Hamilton graduate, will attend graduate school this fall and plans to eventually go onto law school to earn a degree in health law/medical patents. Salisburg has tentative plans to go onto medical school and become a practicing physician.

Biology: Amber Gillis and Kathryn Hansen
by Emily Lemancyz '05

Veteran summer science researcher Amber Gillis '06 (Clifton Park, N.Y.) and newcomer Kathryn Hansen '07 (Montpelier, Vt.) are working with Professor of Biology David Gapp on a biology research project this summer. Gillis and Hansen are studying the effects of different hormones, drugs and neurotransmitters on the smooth muscle contractions in turtles at various temperatures in a project titled "The Contractile Effects of Extracellular Calcium on Smooth Muscle of Trachemys scripta."

"We are looking at smooth muscle contractions in Trachemys scripta (Red-Eared Sliders)," Hansen explains. They will examine the effects of calcium on the upper and lower intestines, looking specifically at how extracellular calcium interacts with stimulants (like Carbachol or Bradykinin). They hope to determine which calcium source, extracellular or intracellular, produces the greatest muscle tension. The girls travel to Westmoreland and the Utica Marsh, their trap sites, several times a week to trap turtles.

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More summer science research

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Both Gillis and Hansen admit that the research has been rewarding; unfortunately, they have had a little difficulty outside of the lab. "We've been having a lot of problems catching turtles," Gillis says. "Diabetes has been found in Painted Turtles from the Utica Marsh," Hansen adds.

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Hansen '07 and Gillis '06

"We have been trying to capture some turtles to test their glucose levels. Whereas in previous years, Professor Gapp and his students have had luck catching turtles, our traps have only caught one snapping turtle," she explains. Gillis and Hansen are not sure if the turtles have migrated elsewhere, due to habitat changes.

Hansen, also a biochemistry major and an aspiring veterinarian, wanted to conduct hands-on research this summer with animals. "I wanted to work with animals and expand my limited knowledge about physiology," she explains. "I figured I couldn't ask for a better person than Professor Gapp to help me in this endeavor."

Gillis, who has spent the last two summers conducting computational chemistry research with Winslow Professor of Chemistry George Shields. Gillis, a biochemistry major, became interested in conducting biology research after taking a class with Professor Gapp. As an aspiring secondary biology teacher, she focuses her energy on biology research during the summer months. According to Gillis, summer research has allowed her to gain a completely different academic experience. "It's very different from what you do in a regular classroom" she explains. "It truly is a wonderful experience." Gillis hopes to continue her research with Professor Gapp for her senior thesis this coming academic year.

Neuroscience: Sharfi Farhana and Tim Currier

by Laura D. Trubiano '07
Science & Technology Editor

Sharfi Farhana of West Haven, Conn., and Tim Currier of Danvers, Mass., both '09, are participating in five weeks of summer research in a neuroscience lab with Associate Professor of Biology Herman Lehman as part of the STEP/Dreyfus program for incoming freshmen interested in the sciences. "I was attracted to the STEP program mainly because I had prior research experience and really loved it. I figured this would be a great way to not only do more research, but also to meet other students, professors, and familiarize myself with the campus, all before orientation," said Currier.

Farhana and Currier spent the first three weeks of their research working on the three other projects in the lab with upperclassmen, "to understand the project as a whole and get familiar with the lab," explained Currier.

For the last two weeks, Farhana and Currier are working on a project of their own titled "Immunoprotein response to foreign invasion in manduca sexta." Their goal is to study which proteins respond to an attack by E. coli bacteria in manduca sexta, commonly known as the tobacco hornworm. To do this they inject manduca with E. coli and bled them at different time intervals. They then run gels of the hemoglobin (a protein carried by red blood cells) to see what proteins are released or found in the blood under the circumstance of a bacterial invasion. They have found that there is a specific protein that increases dramatically soon after injection of E.coli (it shows up as a large spot at the same distance on every gel), and are currently trying to determine what protein that is.

Both Farhana and Currier plan to continue in the sciences at Hamilton, a goal reinforced by their participation in the STEP program. For Farhana,

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Sharfi Farhana '09 and Tim Currier '09

the research experience opened her mind to new possibilities. "Through this I have not only increased interest in Biology, but might possibly [follow the pre-med track], something I never would have considered before," she said. Currier plans to major in neuroscience and be pre-med. Both students say a valuable part of the pre-freshmen program was forming close relationships with other students. "I have gained a greater knowledge of undergraduate science research as well as an awesome group of friends," said Farhana.

Geosciences: William Hoffman

by Laura Trubiano '07
Science & Technology Editor

William Hoffman '07 of Baltimore, Md., is working on a summer research project with Associate Professor of Geosciences David Bailey titled "Chemical characterization of chert source material in the Great Basin of Central Nevada." (Chert is a very hard sedimentary rock). Hoffman spent two weeks in the Great Basin collecting samples and is now on campus preparing the samples for geochemical analysis.

Hoffman, a geoscience major, traveled to Nevada with Bailey and Mary Beth Day '07, where they met up with Professor of Archaeology Tom Jones. The primary goal of the whole project is to expand the geochemical database of artifact source materials (the rocks that could have made a particular artifact) in the Great Basin. The archaeological artifacts in the Great Basin are the most important source of information about the lives of early Native Americans in the area. Chemical analysis of the artifacts and of their potential source rocks enables archaeologists to trace Native American mobility and foraging patterns. This kind of analysis can provide clues as to where material was collected to make these artifacts as well as a measure of the geographic territory that was utilized by the Native American groups in this region.

Hoffman's research focuses on geochemical analysis of artifacts and source material, particularly chert source materials. The samples will be analyzed by X-ray Fluorescence Spectroscopy to attempt to determine specifically which artifacts came from which areas. This "geochemical fingerprinting" has been done with other source materials, but no considerable work has been done with chert. "This project is significant because it will be leading the way for the study of the distribution of chert sources in the Great Basin," said Hoffman in his research proposal.

"Everything ran really smoothly; the trip was great," said Hoffman, who plans to do an independent study during the spring semester to continue with this project. This was his first experience doing field work as well as his first summer working on campus.

Campus is a lot prettier in the summer. It's nice to actually have free time, which I don't have a lot of during the year," said Hoffman, who, in addition to academic work, does radio broadcasting for Hamilton sports.

Hoffman hopes to continue his studies in the geosciences after he graduates from Hamilton.

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William Hoffman '07

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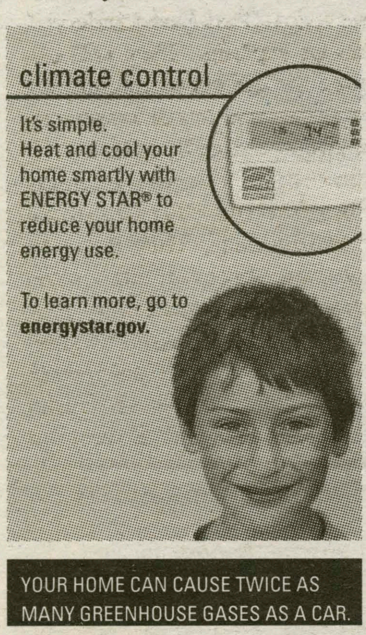
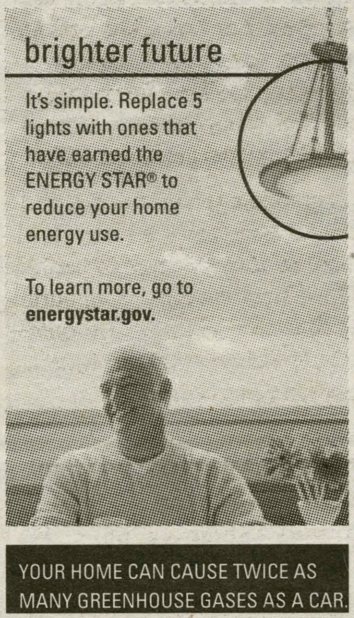




Katrina rips through Superdome

In the wake of the hurricane, college and professional seasons unclear

by Nick Rockwell '08
SPORTS EDITOR

This past week hurricane Katrina ripped through the Gulf Coast, causing massive damage in cities such as New Orleans and Biloxi, Mississippi. Countless material objects have been lost as well as homes and even lives. Overlooked by most major television and print news sources has been the impact and lasting repercussions Katrina has had on professional and college sports.

For instance, the Superdome, home to the NFL's New Orleans' Saints, was used as a safe-haven for those people who either could not or did not care to leave the city. Tens of thousands of refugees sought shelter on the Saints' home turf. While the Superdome provided the public with a place to go, the roof took a beating as well as the playing surface and facilities inside. Thursday, the city ordered a mandatory evacuation of the Superdome due to the horrible conditions inside as well as the damaged exterior. In some areas arounf the stadium there is three feet or more of standing water. Refugees are now being bused to Houston's Astrodome, which used to be the Astros' home football field.

Saint players, coaches, and management have been forced out of their home city and will temporarily practice in San Antonio. The team's first scheduled home game is September 18th against the New York Giants. It seems nearly impossible that the Superdome (as well as the rest of the city) will be in decent shape in less than three weeks. In fact, city and team officials as well as Superdome managers are pessimistic about the chances of any home games this entire year for the Saints; NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue has also expressed concern.

The hurricane also will have a significant impact on Saint opponents as they will have to adjust their travel plans and possibly share home fields (Reliant Stadium, home of the Houston Texans has been mentioned as a possibility for games). Other options for Saint home games include the San Antonio Alamodome and LSU's home field.

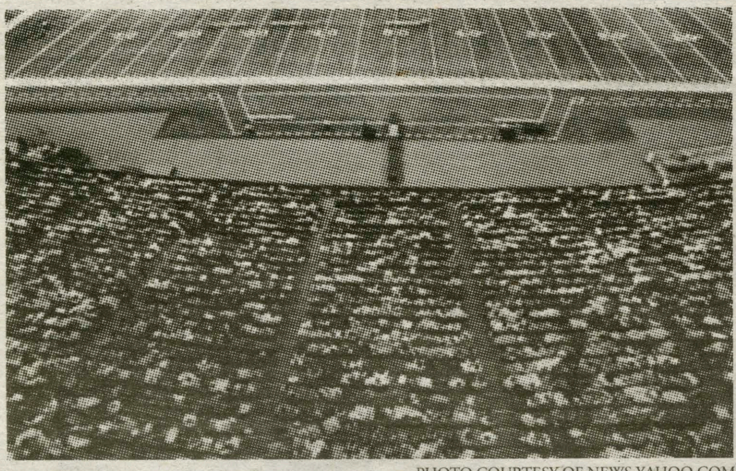
Ideally the team would like to play as close to New Orleans as possible, which suggests LSU's Tiger Stadium in Baton Rouge could be the best option. However, the Tigers themselves have a full schedule as well as a #5 preseason national ranking. If the Saints were to play all eight of their home games in Baton Rouge, it would certainly cause a logistical nightmare for the University and its football team.

Many of the athletes' family and friends have also been affected. All-Pro quarterback Brett Favre's family still lives in his hometown of Klin, Mississippi, one of the areas hit the hardest by Katrina. Favre's family was able to get to safety ahead of time but his home there was destroyed by the storm.

Many teams and individual athletes have also rallied to give substantial donations to hurricane Katrina relief funds. The New York Yankees and Houston Texans each gave one million dollars, the University of Florida $75,000, and Golden State Warriors star Baron Davis pledged $50,000.

Favre as well as many other athletes have said it is hard to think about playing their respective sports right now because of all the people who have lost homes and loved ones.

As sports fans, we can only hope that these teams and players can get back to doing what they love but the focus now should be on those people affected and on a plan for a quick clean-up job so things can get back to normal.



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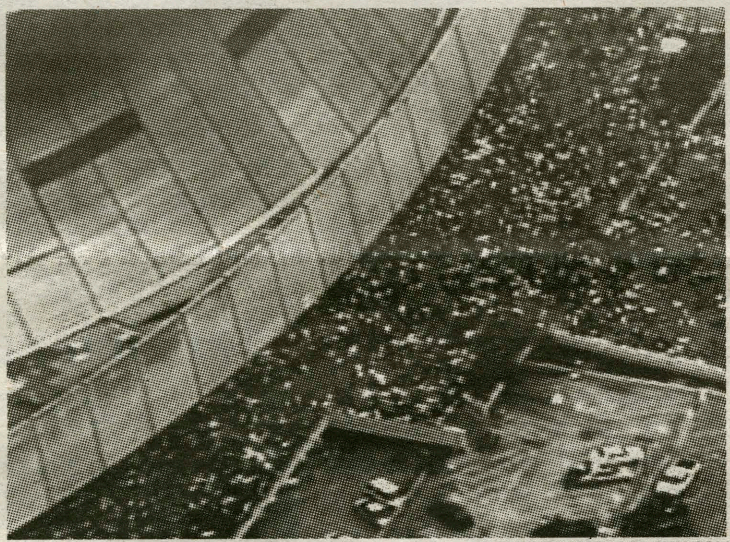
While the New Orleans Saints fled their hometown Sunday, over 20,000 residents sought refuge from the storm in the Superdome. Yet, even the stadium could not withstand Katrina's overwhelming force.



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An aerial view shows the scale of Katrina's damage to the New Orleans Superdome. For the time being, the New Orleans Saints will practice in San Antonio.

Beat the Experts

Beat the "Experts" is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college athletics. Each week, we will pick several games in which to choose winners, and we will have a special guest pick winners as well.

	Katie Stinchfield *Spectator* Sports Editor	Nick Rockwell *Spectator* Sports Editor	Katie Childs *Spectator* News Editor	Ian Mandel *Spectator* Editor-In-Chief	Alex Saks *Football Player* Sophomore
Season Record:	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0-0**
Colorado State @ Colorado	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado
#18 Boise St. @ #13 Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Boise St.	Georgia
Notre Dame @ #23 Pittsburgh	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Pittsburgh	Notre Dame
Georgia Tech @ #16 Auburn	Georgia Tech	Auburn	Georgia Tech	Auburn	Auburn
#9 Miami @ #14 Florida St.	Miami	Florida St.	Florida St.	Miami	Miami
NYY @ Oakland	NYY	Oakland	Oakland	NYY	NYY
Philadelphia @ Washington	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Washington	Washington	Philadelphia
White Sox @ Boston	Boston	Boston	Boston	White Sox	White Sox
San Francisco @ LA Dodgers	San Francisco	LA	LA	LA	San Francisco

HC FALL SPORTS PREVIEW

Football optimistic with key players returning

by Austin Finan '08
SPORTS WRITER

As the cool autumn weather approaches, the Hamilton College football team is just starting to heat up. The Continentals return to the field with explosive talent and a hunger to avenge last season's disappointing 1-7 record. This fall, Head Coach Pete Alvanos' troops look to hit the ground running.

Not since 1996 have the Conts finished at or above .500. Although they have been blessed with individual talent, Hamilton football has not been able to piece together a cohesive unit with the type of success that the school as well as the team desires. Alvanos is confident that his men will reap the benefits of their hard work and determination if they are able to demonstrate teamwork.

With the leadership and extraordinary athletic ability of returning quarterback and All-NESCAC stud, Brandon Holtslag '06, the team is sure to make some noise in their conference. Holtslag will remain the focal point of the team's offense in '05. The starting quarterback and co-captain accounted for 1,757 yards of total offense last year, which is the fourth highest total in school history.

In addition, Holtslag threw for 1,120 yards and seven touchdowns, and ran for 637 yards and seven more scores. His performance last year earned him a selection on the all-NESCAC Second Team.

In order for the team to be successful the defense will have to keep the opponent off the board. Fortunately for Hamilton, the Continentals return standout safety Matt Pitaressi '08. Pitaressi, who turned heads in '04 with a league leading 100 tackles, is joined on defense by senior linebacker and co-captain Jay Rishel '06. Rishel was credited with one sack in '04 on top of his impressive 32 tackles.

Co-captain Jeremy Kozak '06, who made his mark at defensive end last season with a sack and 16 tackles, hopes to find continued success on the other side of ball as the team's starting fullback.

Alvanos is pleased with what he has seen so far from the team's veterans. "Our co-captains have helped to bring the guys closer together. There is a real sense of family amongst these men. The only way we are going to win is if we play like a family, like a team," he said.

Considering the skill and ability that the Continentals possess, it seems only logical that they will prove to be successful in 2005 if they can get running on all cylinders.

Alvanos stresses the importance of fundamentals and believes they are determining factors in the outcome of any game. "Ball security is crucial for us. We absolutely cannot afford to turn the ball over. In practice, when the ball hits the ground, everybody is doing push-ups."

Hamilton was a perennial NESCAC powerhouse in the not so distant past. Alvanos and company are more committed to the program than ever before. Ultimately, the Continentals believe that determination and hard work will translate into wins.

"I keep telling the men, 'Let's get this program back to where it was twenty years ago. Let's make a name for ourselves with a winning season in '05.".

The Continentals take on Amherst in the opening game of the season at Steuben Field on Sept. 24 at 1:00 p.m. Also keep in mind this year's Fallcoming game against Wesleyan on the following Saturday; the annual weekend usually draws a big crowd at Steuben Field.

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The football team tirelessly practices basic ball security, which Head Coach Pete Alvanos said is crucial in the season opener against Amherst Sept. 24 at Steuben Field.

UPCOMING HOME GAMES

Sept. 7	**Field Hockey v. Utica**	**7 p.m.**
Sept. 10	**Men's Soccer v. RIT**	**1 p.m.**
	XC v. SUNY Oswego	**noon**
	Women's Tennis v. Wesleyan	**1 p.m.**
Sept. 13	**Volleyball v. Williams**	**7 p.m.**

Women's tennis looks ahead to Vassar rematch

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Patience is key for the women's tennis team this season. After winning the first nine dual matches of last fall's season and competing for their first Liberty League championship, the Lady Continentals are focused on consistency to build off of last season's success.

"You can't just be hitting the ball at a million miles an hour," said captain Kaitie Donnovan '06. "It's about really moving your opponent around as opposed to just hitting the ball really hard. We need to play with patience."

The team is in the middle of tryouts while sixth year Head Coach Jamie King determines the lineup. "We're doing some intense conditioning since we only have two weeks before the first match," he said.

"We're trying to get the consistency of the players' strokes back in order, and we're doing some match play to determine the ladder," King added.

With almost all of last year's players returning, the women's tennis team is seeing tremendous depth in the lineup. Both Donnovan and Sarah Coleman '08 will be forces this season, with Coleman as the number one singles rank and both Donnovan and Coleman matched up in the number one doubles slot.

Also returning are Marni Powers '08 and Kara Powers '08, last year's number two doubles team. Four new freshmen, including Julia Holden, Elizabeth Goheen, Ashley Pardoe and Sarah Sallan, all look to contribute to the team's success as well.

"We have some good new freshmen that are really athletic and hard workers, as well as good returning players and good dynamics," Donnovan said. "The team has always been young but having young players always keeps everyone on their toes and working hard for their spot. It helps keep everyone motivated," she added.

The team will host Wesleyan on Sept. 10 for their season opener. According to King, Wesleyan also has many new players. "We beat them last year 6-3 at Wesleyan, but it will be interesting to see what they come out with as a new lineup," he said.

While the women's tennis team is busy preparing for potentially close matches against Wesleyan, Skidmore and St. Lawrence, their focus is on their rematch with Vassar, who defeated Hamilton in last fall's Liberty League Championship.

"The team is focused on a rematch," said King. The two teams will not compete in a dual meet, but this fall's Liberty League Championships will be held at Vassar on Oct. 8-9.

"I think we will beat them this year for sure," said Coleman. "We are very confident this year, and all the new freshmen definitely add some spunk to the team."

While the Lady Continentals patiently wait out that October weekend, Donnovan predicted, "We'll really pull our intensity level up and we'll be working on a lot of general consistency and overall aggressive play."

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Continentals soccer to build off of last year's unprecedented success

Top scorers return to lead men's soccer

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The men's soccer team will return to the field on Sept. 7 at SUNY IT. Last season, the team finished 11-4-2 overall with a home record of 6-1-1 and a conference record of 4-2-1. A pivotal moment in last year's season came against St. Lawrence when Hamilton defeated the Saints for their first ever Liberty League championship title. The men's soccer team finished the 2004 season ranked 23rd in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America's Top 25 poll.

This year's team hopes to continue last season's momentum. The Continentals are led by captains Nikle Guzijan '06, a midfielder, and Anthony Tripicchio '06 in goal. The strength of the team lies in the midfield and forward lines. Top scorers Greg Rogan '07 and Ian Hildebrand '07, who combined to score 17 goals last season, will return to the front line.

According to Hildebrand, "Both Greg and I have had success this past season because we both work well together. Since we have played side by side for the past two years, we are able to read each other on the field. We're looking forward to another successful season."

Zach Kelly '07, Patrick Suarez '07 and Tripicchio will lead the defense. "We return eight starters this year and most of us have been playing side by side for three years now," said Guzijan. "We're committed to doing whatever it takes in order to win, and we know that we have the talent to really go a long way."

The men face their toughest competition against St. Lawrence and Ithaca. According to head coach Perry Nizzi, the first two games of the season are the most important. "We obviously want to start out on the right foot," he said. "We open with a young and upcoming team, SUNY IT, and then play against a veteran and experienced team, RIT," he said. "It should be a good test to see where we're at early on in the season."

Tripicchio said chemistry will be key to the Continental's success, from their first home game against RIT on Sept. 10 to the Liberty League

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The women's soccer team, led by captains Elizabeth Roberts, Kristine Cupertino and Eileen Fisher hope for another Liberty League championship.

Women ranked eighth in nation

by Jenny Brown '07
SPORTS WRITER

Tuesday's rain failed to dampen the spirits of the women's soccer team during the first scrimmage of the season. The Lady Continentals beat Herkimer College 6-1 after having only three practices to prepare compared to Herkimer's 14 days of practice. The team will be at a similar disadvantage for their first game against SUNY Oswego, as the match will be Oswego's fourth. However, the Lady Continentals have never lost to SUNY Oswego, and they hope this year will be no different.

"We don't underestimate any team," said captain Kristine Cupertino '07. "SUNY Oswego will be a tough competition and we need to play together and work as a team."

Last year, the women's soccer team finished with an overall record of 15-2-1, as well as a program record for wins and goals scored in one season. The team was nationally ranked at number nine, a first in the program's history. This year the Lady Continentals, led by captains Cupertino, Elizabeth Roberts '06 and Eileen Fisher '07, start the season ranked eight in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America/adidas Top 25 pre-season poll.

Fourth-year Head Coach Collette Gilligan said losing last year's two seniors will not devastate the team's performance this year. "The two players we lost were solid players, but the freshman we brought in are equally good, if not better, and they will gain more experience with age," Gilligan said of the eight new players. Cupertino added, "The freshman exceeded our expectations."

Gilligan concentrated on recruiting defensive players for this season because last season she had to go deep into the bench in search of defensive players. In terms of offensive players, Gilligan saidher team was a scoring threat last season. This season should be no different.

"It was clear that returning players worked hard over the break and came ready to play," Cupertino said of her teammates. "Returning players were very responsible over the summer and came back fit," Gilligan added.

This season, Cupertino said her team will have to practice seriously and play intensely. "We will have to work to get the rhythm down and help make the freshman feel comfortable and understand our style of play," she said. "There is no hierarchy on the team. All the players must put in the same amount of work."

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